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RESPITE FROM AIR RAIDS OVER BRITAIN

ITALIANS HASTILY DIGGING IN

Following the failure of their big offensive the Italians are now "digging themselves in" frantically on the Albanian front, according to statements by prisoners quoted by Athens radio last night.

Bewildered Italian officers strive desperately to reorganise their scattered forces.

Earthworks are being hastily thrown up along positions in front of Tepellini, to which the Italians were thrown back by the Greeks in disorder.

Meanwhile fighting is now on a small scale though on both sides artillery is active. — Reuter.

DECLARATION ON WAR IN ANY LANGUAGE

"This country is to-day at war against the Axis powers," declares the "Atlanta Constitution."

"WE ARE EMPHATICALLY FURNISHING ARMS TO A WARRIOR AND THEREBY ARE AS MUCH A PART OF THE WAR EFFORT AS WORKERS IN ARMS FACTORIES IN BRITAIN HERSELF.

"This nation isn't likely to enter the war as an active belligerent. If necessary the people will without question approve such a course."

The "Tampa (Florida) Tribune" declares "Now that we are in the war, since the passage of the Lease and Lend Act, it is urgent that everybody exert his utmost effort to help win it.

"The words of the President put the dictatorships on notice that we are going to do everything we can to help beat them — and that's a declaration of war in any language." — Reuter.

N.Z. MEAT EXPORTS TO BE REDUCED

New Zealand's exports of meat will be drastically cut as a result of British Government decisions based on the shipping position.

The New Zealand Government has decided that New Zealand freezing works shall, from today, accept for freezing for export only lamb, prime beef and porker pigs up to 120 lbs. — Reuter.

Two Bombers Shot Down During Thin Daylight Visits

NAZI U-BOAT BASE IN BRITTANY DESTROYED

Coastal Command aircraft paid a visit to the French coast yesterday morning, destroyed a German barrack block at the port of Quiberon, the submarine base in Brittany, and scored a direct hit on an enemy escort vessel near Brest.

No British aircraft are missing from these operations, adds the Air Ministry communique. — Reuter.

TWO GERMAN BOMBERS WERE DESTROYED OVER BRITAIN YESTERDAY, ALTHOUGH ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY WAS BUT SLIGHT THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

One of two German raiders who were attempting to bomb a ship at anchor in the north of Scotland had its tail shot off by anti-aircraft guns and crashed in flames.

Another German bomber was shot down by British fighters in the south of England.

A number of German planes approached a south-west England town in the morning but were driven off by heavy gunfire.

Many people coming from church watched while the battle was in progress.

The destruction of two enemy bombers was confirmed in an Air Ministry communique, which recorded little enemy activity over the country during the day.

Single aircraft were reported to have dropped bombs near the Channel coast and at a

point in northern Scotland. Little damage and few casualties were caused. — Reuter.

IF ENGLAND FALLS....

"If England falls there will be no freedom for the people of England nor for the people of Ireland."

This statement was made by Senator Joseph O'Mahoney, of Wyoming, in a speech before a charitable Irish Society in Boston.

He added: "It would be necessary for the people of America to assure for ten generations the burden of armament so that the dictators shan't be permitted to

NO NIGHT RAIDS FOR SECOND NIGHT

For the second successive night no enemy raiders were reported over Britain after darkness last night. — Reuter.

MALTA BEATS OFF RAIDERS

At least three enemy bombers were destroyed and others damaged in raids on Malta at the week-end.

Two enemy losses are officially confirmed.

The enemy planes came over in a large formation escorted by fighters but were chased out to sea by British fighters.

ONE BRITISH FIGHTER WAS SHOT DOWN BY A MESSERSCHMIDT WHICH, IN TURN, WAS DESTROYED BY ANOTHER BRITISH AIRCRAFT. — REUTER.

strike down liberties and institutions which Irishmen everywhere revere." — Reuter.

BRITISH FORCE ASTRIDE ABYSSINIA CROSS-ROADS

THE IMPORTANCE OF NEGHELLI, WHICH HAS JUST BEEN CAPTURED BY BRITISH TROOPS, LIES IN THE FACT THAT IT DOMINATES THE CROSSROAD LEADING TO NORTH, EAST AND WEST.

The Imperial forces are now in a position to strike due north in the direction of Addis Ababa, about 275 miles away.

The country is low-lying and a track running through the valleys would enable the British forces to make fairly unhampered progress, according to a military expert in London yesterday.

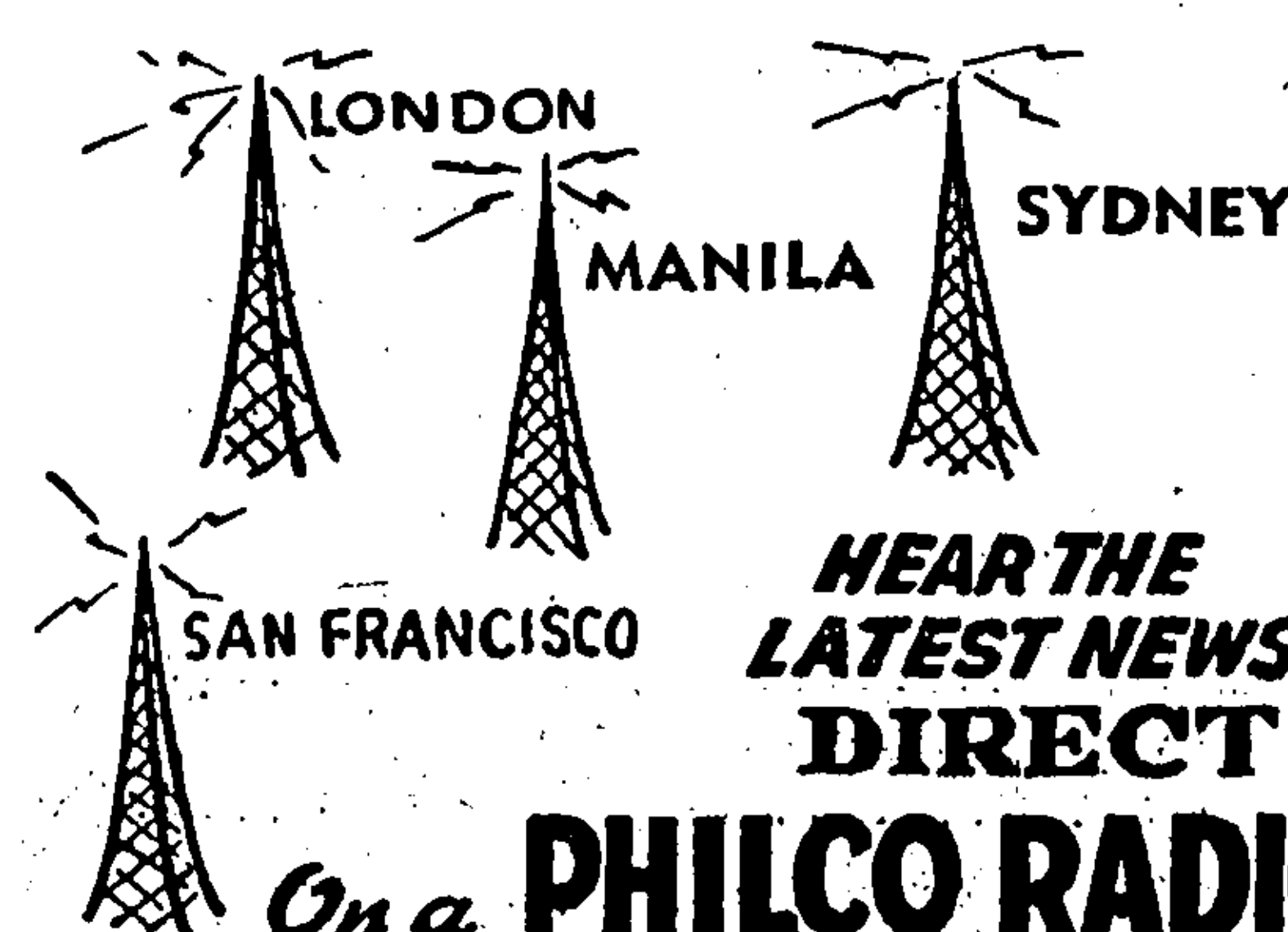
The fall of Neghelli is a particularly bitter blow to Graziani, who was given the title Marquis of Neghelli in recognition of his rapid advance when Italy invaded Abyssinia.

Meanwhile, intense patrol activity plays a large part in the British siege methods round Keren (Eritrea).

When a British patrol encountered an enemy force in the neighbourhood of one fort they summoned artillery support.

The British guns promptly opened fire, aided by which the British party inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and took 130 prisoners, all without loss to themselves.

An example of the courage and endurance of the Imperial troops is furnished by two Indian machine-gunners who were lost on a mountain peak but, when found by a British patrol 48 hours later, were still manning their post. — Reuter.



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Matsuoka Affirms Policy Of The Tripartite Alliance

CLANDESTINE NAZI MEETING IN SANTIAGO

A clandestine conference in Santiago of the German Ambassadors to Argentina, Chile and Peru has deeply disturbed public opinion in Peru, according to a Lima despatch.

The despatch quotes a press demand that the Peruvian Government should "investigate what plot was hatched at Santiago."—Reuter.

GERMANY'S AMBASSADOR TURNS UP LATE!

MEMBERS OF THE diplomatic missions of all countries which so far have adhered to the Three-Power Pact met Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, on his arrival in Moscow yesterday afternoon, en route to Berlin.

The Soviet Government was represented, among others, by M. Lozovsky, Vice-Foreign Minister, and M. Parapkin, head of the Japanese Department of the Foreign Commissariat.

The German Ambassador, von der Schulenberg, arrived late. He apologised to Mr. Matsuoka in English.



General Smuts, photographed on his arrival in Kenya for a tour of inspection of the South African forces.

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Mr. Matsuoka will pay a courtesy call on M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, to-day, and leaves for Berlin and Rome to-night.

Japanese circles in Moscow indicate he is expected to return via Moscow on April 16. The crowd at the station platform yesterday had a long wait, for the Japanese Foreign Minister's arrival was delayed two hours by a blizzard which has been blowing for the past two days.

Mr. Matsuoka, in a press interview, said: "The fundamental interests of nations decide their policy in the long run, but peace or war may sometimes be decided by personal acquaintance."

He then recalled he was invited during a telephone call from Ribbentrop to visit the Axis capitals after the signature of the Tri-Partite Pact last September.

Pact As The Pivot

Mr. Matsuoka mentioned he had a lengthy conversation with Mussolini eight years ago and also met Count Ciano in Shanghai, but had had no chance of making the acquaintance of German leaders.

He continued: "The foreign policy of Japan will revolve round the Tri-Partite Pact as pivot."

"It is natural for me, as Japanese Foreign Minister who helped conclude the pact, to visit the German leaders."

"I have no particular aim in mind in coming to Europe. I may have a chance to make personal observation on the situation in Western Europe and especially of the war now going on."

Mr. Matsuoka said he had no hard and fixed itinerary but did not want to be absent from Japan longer than six weeks.

Soviet Courtesy

He had been shown every possible courtesy in Moscow. He would like on his way back to stop in Moscow and see the Soviet leaders too.

Mr. Matsuoka stated that no tour of the Western battlefields was yet included in his programme but he would like to see them if he had time. — Reuter.

BELGIANS STILL FIGHTING

BELGIAN FIGHTER PILOTS NOW SERVING WITH THE ROYAL AIR FORCE HAVE GAINED A NUMBER OF VICTORIES RECENTLY AGAINST GERMAN AIRCRAFT ATTEMPTING RAIDS ON BRITAIN.

Since they came over to England, when the Nazis invaded their country, the Belgians have destroyed at least 18 enemy aircraft, with only a few casualties to themselves.

SEEING THE BLITZ FROM A NEW ANGLE

TO SPEND EVEN a day or two with A.A. gunners is to see the aerial blitz from a new angle, writes a London correspondent.

During a visit I have just paid to a gun crew in the West I found myself commiserating with gun crews who had watched the heavens for a cold month without so much as seeing a single German aeroplane, and rejoicing with the lucky ones who count on going into action at least twice a week.

While it lasts the operation is intense, but, as a rule, it is over all too soon and the enemy machines have passed into the range of other batteries. Below ground on the gun site and immediately adjoining the gun and the predictor, with its uncanny power of discovering the height, direction, speed and location of an aeroplane and automatically fitting the shell fuse, is the operation room.

Here, on a square chart, the probable course of an aeroplane crossing the Channel is plotted. As it approaches shells scream into the darkness.

The heavy A.A. gunners are convinced to a man that they bring down or wing more machines by far than they are ever credited with. The light batteries have less practice, for they are mainly concerned with low-flying aircraft and dive-bombers.

Community Life

Gunniers live a lonely life. Many sites are on hill-tops or far from town or village, and the men have to provide their own entertainment, although occasionally an ENSA concert party visits them.

troys at least 18 enemy aircraft, with only a few casualties to themselves.

A large number of young Belgians now in Britain are training to become pilots. Three of their compatriots who have already distinguished themselves in action with the R.A.F. are acting as flying instructors. Soon these young Belgians, too, will be in the air, carrying on the fight against the common enemy in the tradition of Major Willy Coppens, famous Belgian "ace" of the Great War.

The chaplain is a welcome visitor. I heard it said that whatever day he came it was Sunday. He holds a service in a hut, but the moment an alarm sounds everybody runs. One service the other day was interrupted three times in this way, but each time all the men came back.

Most of the gun crews are on duty in the gun pits for two hours and of duty for four, but the period varies. Every man, however, is certain of 24 hours' complete rest each week and 48 hours once a month.

Twenty-four hours is not long enough to enable some of them to get to their homes, but officers arrange with local people to "adopt" the men and provide baths and bed during the rest period. One farmer's widow calls her house "The Garrison."

Not Losing The Cook

The most precious possession of a gun-site or searchlight position is a good cook, and such treasures seem more abundant than one might expect. It was heartening to hear again, "We've got a first-rate cook and we don't mean to lose him."

Of course, there are complaints; there would be something suspicious about a soldier who did not grumble. That most frequently heard concerned the delay of contractors in erecting huts. Too many huts still have only mud floors. In one camp the men, in desperation, had taken the dumped material and erected the hut themselves.

In spite of separation from the outer world and continuous exposure the A.A. gunners are extraordinarily fit.

SERBIANS AND ARMY HOLD OUT

Widespread Yugoslav Concessions Unlikely

Cabinet Would Be Prevented!

THE SERBIAN ELEMENT AND THE ARMY LEADERS IN YUGOSLAVIA WILL PREVENT WIDESPREAD CONCESSIONS TO GERMANY, THE TURKISH "ULUS" DECLARED YESTERDAY.

Ankara radio last night broadcast a precis of a long article on Yugoslavia which was published in this newspaper.

The article declares that while the resignation of three Yugoslav Ministers indicates that opposition to surrender has not been entirely successful, those in favour of concessions will not be allowed by the Serbian element and military leaders to go very far.

FIRST AID FROM THE AIR

A Hurricane pilot in a hospital in the South of England received, a few days after his admission to hospital, two dozen eggs and a letter from the head warden of the district.

The letter read: "Please accept the eggs with my best wishes for your speedy recovery from the injuries you received when you landed your plane yesterday. We especially admire the skill with which you and your fellow pilot landed your machines, and the speed and initiative shown by him in coming to render first aid." "The fellow pilot" was the wounded officer's Flight Commander. What happened was this: a solitary Me. swept down out of the sun and attacked the rear-most Hurricane of an R.A.F. Squadron. The enemy had vanished before anyone could interfere. The Hurricane was damaged and began to go down. The engine caught fire. The Flight Commander determined to give its pilot the best help he could. He flew round the damaged aircraft.

At about 3,000 feet he realised that the other pilot would have difficulty in seeing the land because of the blazing engine and the oil on his windscreen. He told him over R.T.: "Follow me, I'll find a place to land" and he took up his position slightly ahead.

He guided the other pilot to a good field, in which he saw the it overturn. Pieces flew off and there appeared to be an explosion in the engine. The pilot, who had thrown back his hood, was catapulted out on to the ground a few yards in front of his machine.

Landed in Field

The Flight Commander landed his Hurricane alongside a few moments later and jumped out, leaving his engine running. He found his colleague semi-conscious and suffering from an injury to his ankle.

He stuffed a wound note into the injured man's pocket, and after making sure that he was in good hands and an ambulance was on its way, climbed back into his machine.

The field he had landed in was not much larger than a rugger field, but the Flight Commander succeeded in taking off, though he missed a hedge at the far side by inches, and then had to turn sharply to avoid a farm house.

"I daren't stop my engine and couldn't stay long if I was to take off again," he said later. "All I wanted to do was to make sure that the pilot was safe and being properly looked after. He doesn't remember it but we gave him a

Yugoslavia knows, it continues, that once foreign legions enter the country, "pledges in black and white will dwindle into scraps of paper."

Hence, it adds, Yugoslavia is continuing to strengthen the army.

THE PAPER SAYS IT CAN BE MOST STRONGLY BELIEVED THAT THE YUGOSLAV ARMY WOULD NOT PERMIT YUGOSLAV TERRITORIES TO BE THE INSTRUMENT OF ANY PLOT AGAINST THE GREEK ARMY.

The announcer concluded: "While German pressure continues on one hand Yugoslav national resistance becomes all the more imminent — especially as the voice of the Yugoslav press is emphatic on the subject of no concessions of national sovereignty and independence."

No Solution Yet

Belgrade reports show that Yugoslavia's political crisis appears to be little nearer a solution despite reports that the posts of the three Serb Ministers, who resigned on Friday as a protest against acceptance of the Nazi terms, have now been filled.

With the critical decision still in the balance, the visit of Yugoslav statesmen to Vienna still hangs fire, though a special train was reported to be standing by during the week-end ready to leave at a moment's notice if required.

Meanwhile, a meeting of the Federation of Reserve Officers of Yugoslavia on Saturday unanimously passed a resolution protesting against any plan to conclude an agreement not in harmony with our national honour and independence."

Protest To Regent

A protest has been sent to the Regent, Prince Paul, and the Premier.

After passing the resolution the officers broke up their meeting and declined to proceed with other business in order to emphasise their protest.

The Reserve Officers did not disband their organisation, but merely broke off this meeting. — Reuter.

cigarette and made him comfortable."

The injured pilot, now back with his squadron, and hobbling about with the aid of a stick, then took up the story.

"When I got into hospital," he said, "the nurse brought me my tunic and I discovered a pound note in the pocket. I couldn't for the life of me think how it got there until it was explained to me. Incidentally it came in very useful."

"The letter and the present of the eggs from the head warden of the district in which I landed were particularly welcome. He was one of the first on the scene and looked after me until I reached hospital."

INTENSE AERIAL ACTIVITY

Intense aerial activity in Italian East Africa, in support of army operations, is reported in an R.A.F. communique released in Cairo yesterday.

R.A.F. bombers and fighters repeatedly attacked enemy positions in the Keren area.

The railway station at Asmara was attacked on Saturday and during the raid British fighters engaged a number of Fiat fighters and shot down two in flames.

Three other Fiat fighters were destroyed in the same area by the same squadron on the previous day.

In the Gondar area fires were started among buildings, following an attack by R.A.F. bombers on barracks and warehouses.

Train Burned Out

South African bombers attacked trains on the Djibouti-Addis Ababa railway, destroying at least one train, which burned out after receiving a direct hit from a salvo of bombs.

R.A.F. bombers also machine-gunned trains at Addem and Gota and bombed and machine-gunned a large concentration of enemy motor transport on the road between Urso and Awash, and an enemy position in Marda Pass. — Reuter.

BODY REMOVED BEFORE INQUEST

Why the body of a soldier who died in Horton Hospital had to be brought back to Epsom after having been removed to Newcastle for burial was explained at an inquest at the hospital.

The soldier was Pte. Henry Mason, aged 40, Royal West Kent Regt, who died on January 3 after a road accident last August.

The coroner, Mr. G. Wills Taylor, said that when the Epsom Registrar started to make inquiries he found that the body had been taken outside his jurisdiction. The authority for burial had been issued by the Military Registrar's office.

Major Stirling-Gilchrist, of the Military Registrar's office, explained that to relieve distress on the part of the relatives, bodies were allowed to be taken away as soon as possible. In many cases the bodies were removed before the disposal for was signed, and the form was sent on by post. The man in his office who signed the authority to the undertaker to remove the body thought it was just an ordinary case.

The coroner, Mr. G. Wills Taylor, recorded a verdict of death by misadventure.

STOYADINOVICH GOES TO GREECE

M. Milan Stoyadinovich, former Yugoslav Premier, who is now in British hands, received his passport at his own request and left for Greece "at his own free will," declared the official Yugoslav news agency in Belgrade yesterday. — Reuter.

Spain's 'Neutral' Position

Spain's ability to retain a neutral attitude in the present war was given special emphasis in the first official Spanish reference to foreign policy since the passing of the American Lease and Lend Bill.

The Under-Secretary of the Press and Propaganda Ministry in Madrid, Antonio Tovar, who accompanied the Foreign Minister, Senor Saner, to Germany and Italy recently, said yesterday:

"The most serious risks are inherent in our geographical position. We cannot live unarmed or unwatchful."

Senor Tovar added that Spain to-day wanted to emerge from centuries of retirement.

Hitler's present actions recalled those of Napoleon but whereas Napoleon was a scourge for Spain, Hitler was a scourge for those who had reduced Spain to a third-class power—France and England. — Reuter.

WHICH WAY TO TURN?

"Hitler knows that the world knows and that his own people know something has gone wrong and that he has not been winning the war according to schedule," says the "Charlottesville Observer."

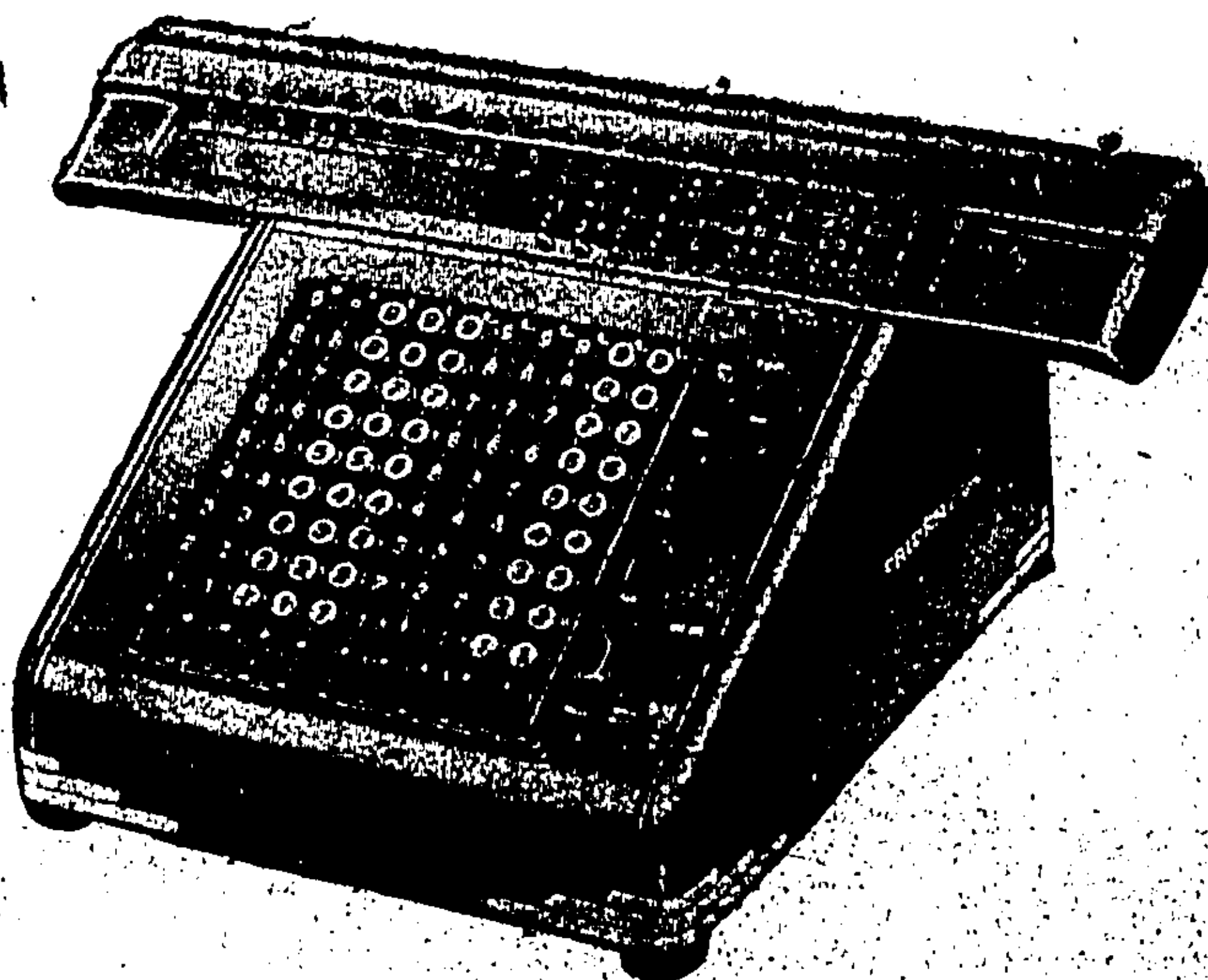
The paper adds: "They know that Great Britain has thwarted his purposes in the British Isles and in Africa and that the Greeks sorely disappointed him in the south-east."

"A large part of the world

knows, and some of his own people may know, that for the last several months he has been acting like a desperate man of thwarted purpose who couldn't decide which way to turn next." — Reuter.

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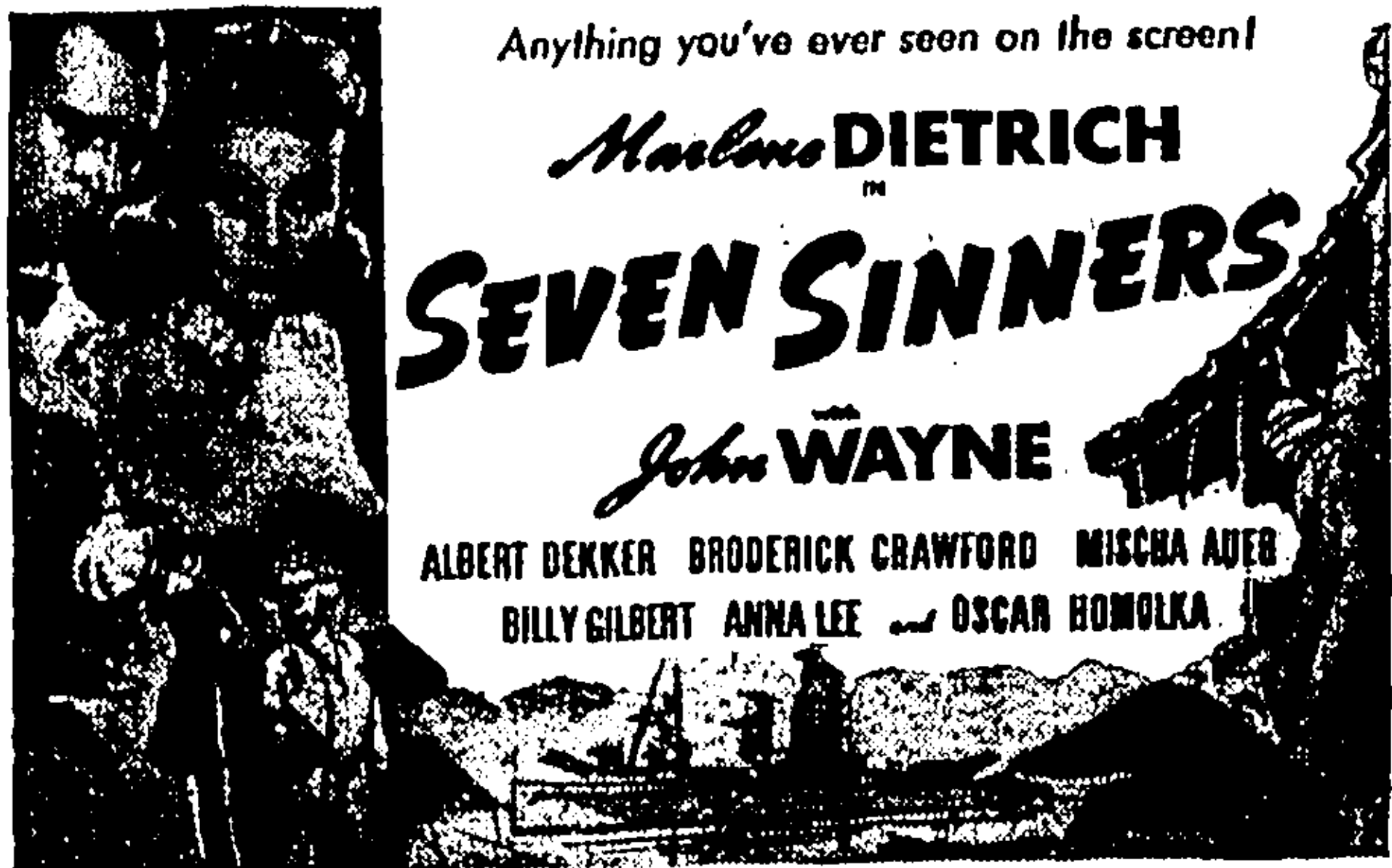
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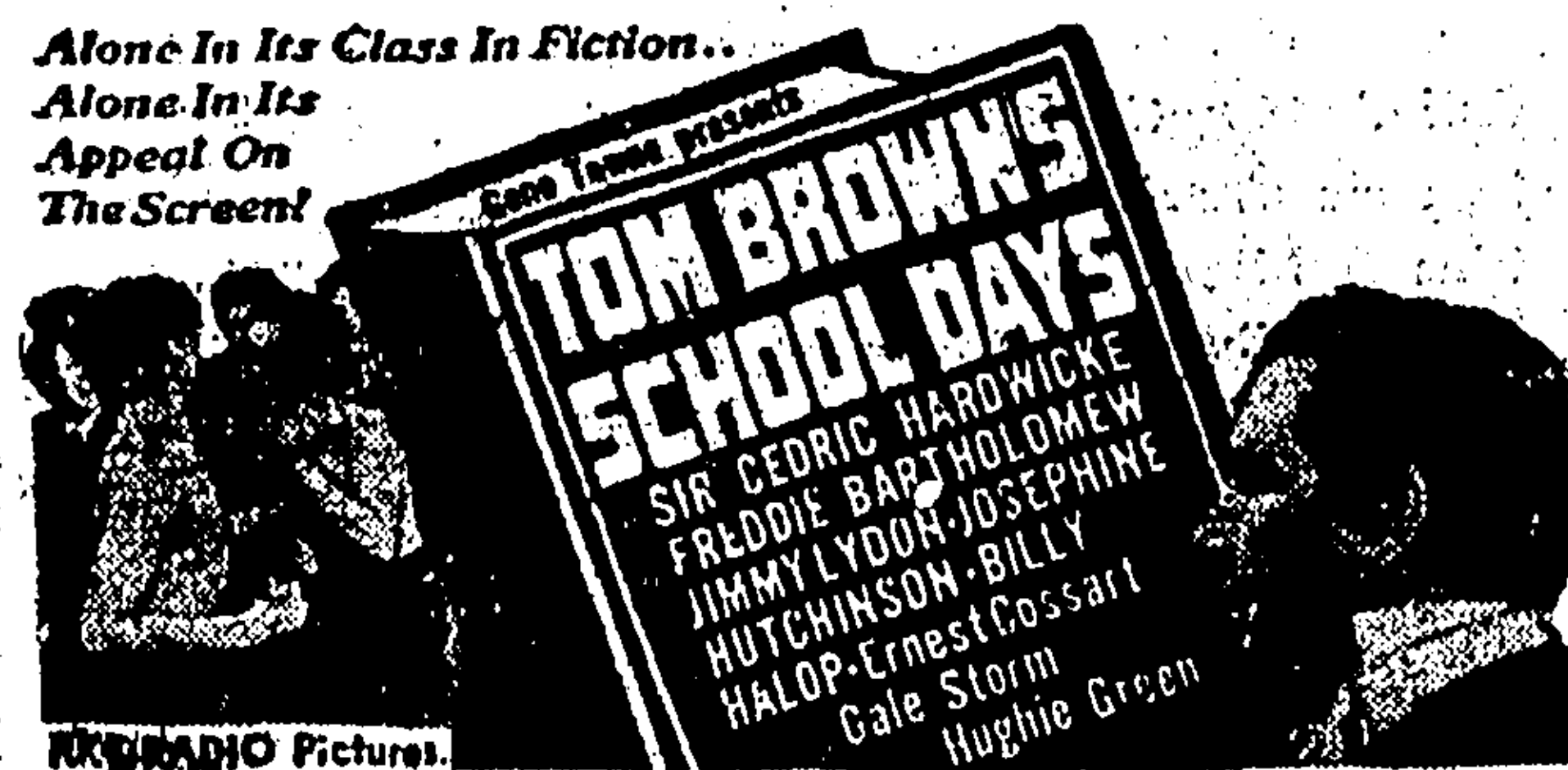
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BRITAIN DEDICATED ANEW TO CRUSADE AGAINST TYRANNY

YESTERDAY WAS observed, by the wish of the King, as a National Day of Prayer, and all over Britain people knelt to dedicate themselves anew to the crusade against tyranny.

The King himself, with the Queen and the Princesses, attended one Service with local residents. There were 1,500 in the Crypt under St. Paul's Cathedral, and thousands of Catholics filed into Westminster Cathedral as Mass was said every half hour throughout the morning.

Millions gathered in churches, chapels and synagogues and Salvation Army citadels. Often they raised their heads in prayer to see scars inflicted by bomb and fire and shattered windows.

In the middle of a North of Scotland Service, nearby guns crashed out and brought down a German bomber. The Service continued amid the din and none of the congregation left.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, BROADCASTING IN THE EVENING, SAID: "HAVE WE NOT REASON TO FEEL EXALTED BY THE THOUGHT THAT IT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US OF THIS GENERATION TO MAINTAIN THE GREATEST CAUSE EVER ENTRUSTED TO THIS NATION?"

Unbroken

"Think of the millions in countries now enslaved by the enemy who are longing for the victory of our arms to bring them deliverance.

"Think of the unbroken unity of will and purpose which binds the whole British nation together and of the cheering successes already won."

Cardinal Hinsley, broadcasting, said: "In this deadly conflict we are pitted against the powers of darkness which have unleashed a satanic campaign against God — against not only the revealed religion of Christ but against natural religion, in which the reason of man may find justice, truth and brotherhood.

"For or against God — that is now the supreme issue of this conflict."

In Empire Also

The King's request that yesterday should be observed as a Day of Prayer was observed in the Empire countries.

Messages state that special services were held in almost every town and village throughout South Africa, while in India prayer in Moslem mosques and Hindu temples joined those in Churches. — Reuter.

1940 CAVE-DWELLERS

Hundreds of people, many of whom have lost their homes during air raids, now use the caves of a South-East Coast town as their nightly refuge, writes a correspondent.

They are the caves which thousands of summer visitors have toured in peace-time. Legend links them with the smugglers who stored therein wines and silks from the French coast.

The guide who used to conduct tourist parties through the caves now has a full-time job in showing local people to their sleeping bunks, and generally supervising the routine of these subterranean dwellers.

Special sections are reserved for games and recreation.

Some people have "set up house" in the small caves which lay off the main passages. They have brought small pieces of furniture and decorative objects.

A Cooking Range

An all-the-year round temperature of just over 50deg is maintained down here in the earth and the local council have installed hot and cold water and electric lighting as well as a coal-fire cooking range.

Within easy walking distance is a communal feeding centre, from which many wives bring back dinners to warm up on the range.

The shelterers have established a welfare committee to tackle any health problems which may arise, and there is a health visitor always available.

When I entered the caves during the evening I had the impression of stepping into the noisy fairy-land of a theatrical tableau.

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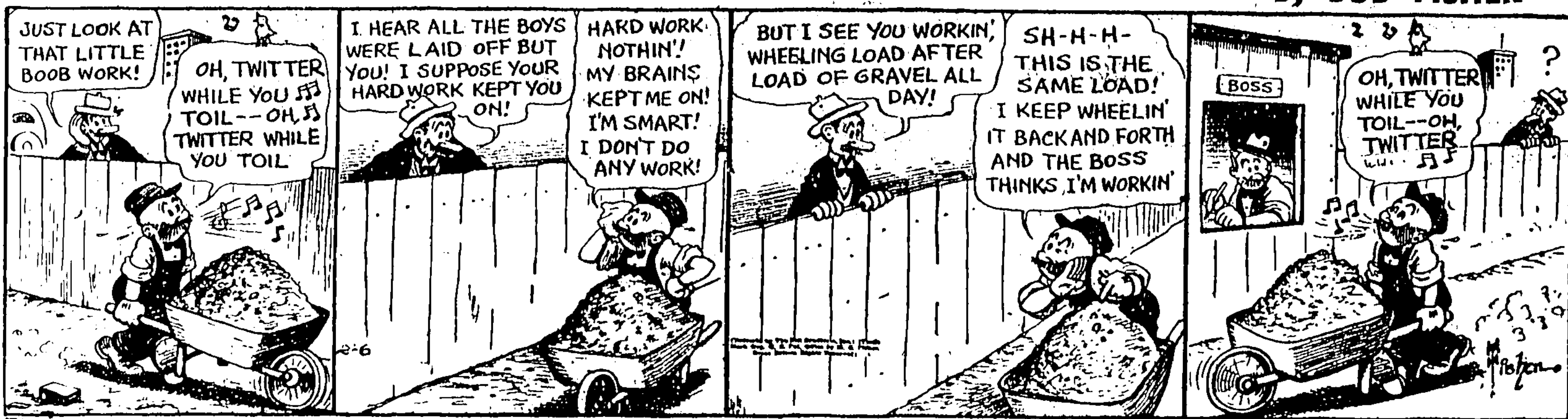
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FIRST OF A MIGHTY HOST

The three Canadian air squadrons — a fighter squadron, an army co-operation squadron and a reserve squadron — now in Great Britain, are but forerunners of a mighty host, according to James S. Duncan, Deputy Air Minister, speaking in Calgary.

"These three squadrons are but the vanguard of a great host of Canadian aviators who will wing into British skies in ever-increasing numbers every month from now until that great day when all our faith and sacrifice will have been vindicated," he said.

Speaking on the progress of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, the Deputy Minister stated that by next September, the Joint Air Plan would reach a point previously not expected to be attained until the spring of 1942. The pace of the Allies "is quickening; our strength is gathering; we are looking forward to the future with faith and confidence and with our chin up. 1941 would see them well on the way toward the victory goal," he declared.

LESS SHELL SHOCK IN THIS WAR THAN IN LAST

EXPERIENCE GAINED in the Spanish Civil War is helping the Ministry of Health and the London County Council to combat cases of civilian "bomb shock" and "shelter neurosis."

"British civilians are standing up to war strain magnificently," a Government psychiatrist told a London reporter. "The Spanish war produced 10 times the number of neurosis cases in the same period."

"We had provided for numbers far in excess of those we have had to handle. Despite the nightly blitz, shell-shock, as we used to term it, is much less frequent in this war than it was in the last."

Living conditions have much to do with war nerves. Mind doctors are still fighting the effects of Dunkirk, whereas the great naval actions of this war have produced hardly a single case.

Conditions on board ship are more or less those of the home, while soldiers who were evacuated from Dunkirk spent days on the beaches, and sometimes two or three hours in the water.

Corps Of Experts

The work of "mind habilitation" has advanced to such an extent that additions are being

made to the corps of psychiatrists and psychologists who are working at Government and L.C.C. centres all over the country to combat war neurosis.

When the war broke out, the Ministry of Health obtained the advance of a Barcelona psychiatrist, who had two years' experience of the effect of warfare on the civilian mind. In the light of his knowledge and that gained in the last war, a nation-wide network of "mind hospitals" was organised.

This experience shows that treatment must be immediate to be effective. It is to enable victims of fear and anxiety neurosis to be taken in hand before the trouble becomes too deep-seated that this special service is being augmented.

It has been found that one frequent cause of war neurosis is the fear of being thought to be afraid.

War neurosis can also be brought on by an accumulation of minor worries which have only an indirect bearing on war—a feeling of insecurity, breaking up of family life, exacting work in difficult circumstances, and travelling discomforts.

Value Of Work

Research over a fair period shows that wardens, fire watchers, A. F. S. men and women, and other civil defence workers are far less prone to war neurosis than those who sit idly during an air raid.

Insufficient air and light in blacked-out rooms or shelters is a further cause of neurosis.

HER FAVOURITE 'PLANE

That the youth of both sexes is becoming increasingly air-minded is shown by letters sent to the Air Ministry Information Bureau by young admirers of the R.A.F.

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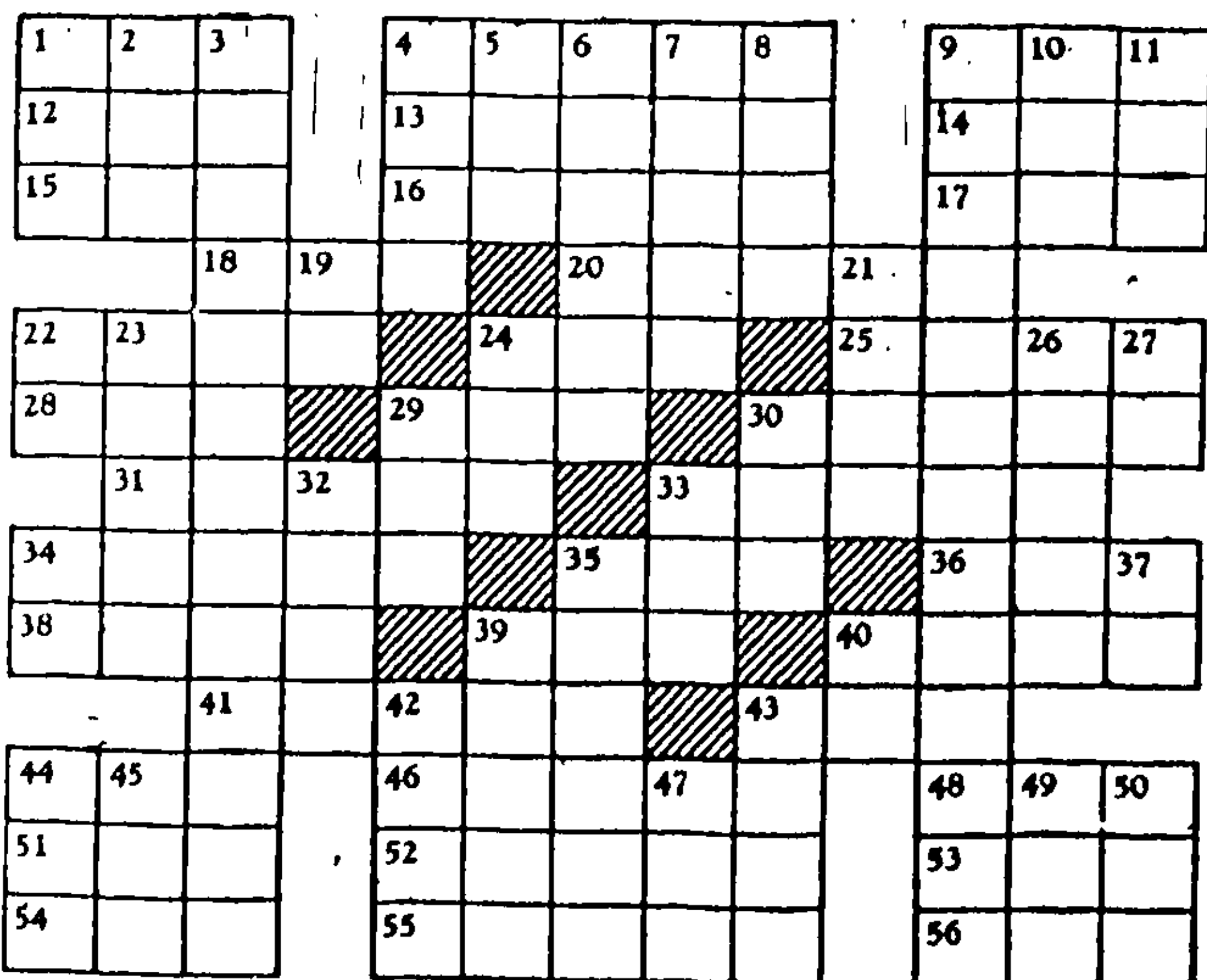
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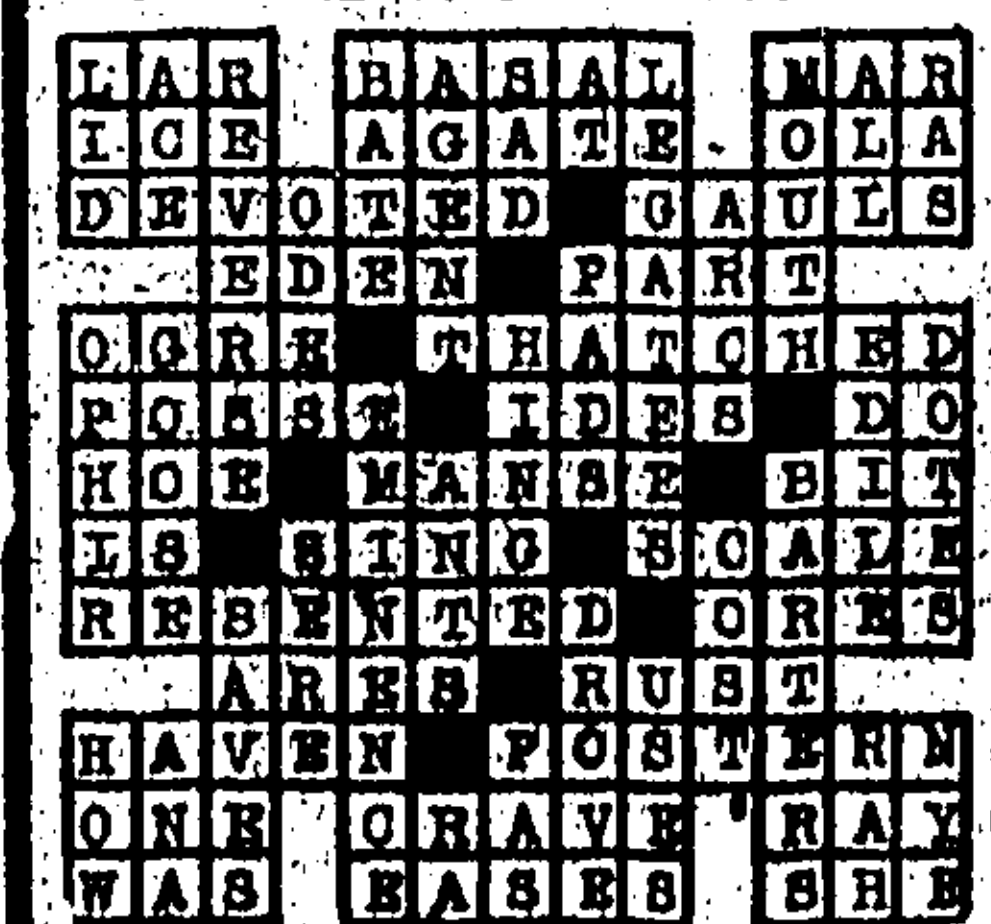
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- 4 Force
- 9 Pronoun
- 12 Negligent
- 13 Palm genus
- 14 Island of the Cyclades
- 15 Bow
- 16 To summon up
- 17 Japanese coin
- 18 Crude metal
- 20 Sapor
- 22 Highest point
- 24 To obtain
- 25 Poetic enough
- 28 To supply with weapons
- 29 Sparrow fish
- 30 Hurry
- 31 External
- 33 Boundary
- 34 Bracing medicine
- 35 Dutch weight
- 36 Social insect
- 38 Wife of Geraint
- 39 To weep
- 40 Stable
- 41 Large tree

VERTICAL

- 1 Wing
- 2 Conveyance
- 3 To punish by cutting off from church membership
- 4 To peel
- 5 Anglo-Saxon money
- 6 Rolling movement
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- 9 Lack of feeling
- 10 To bind
- 11 Offspring
- 12 Note of scale
- 21 Squad
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- 23 To sing
- 24 Pike-like fish
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- 27 You and I
- 29 Dry
- 30 Pronoun
- 32 Rise and fall of the oceans
- 33 Romantic poem
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- 35 To reach a destination
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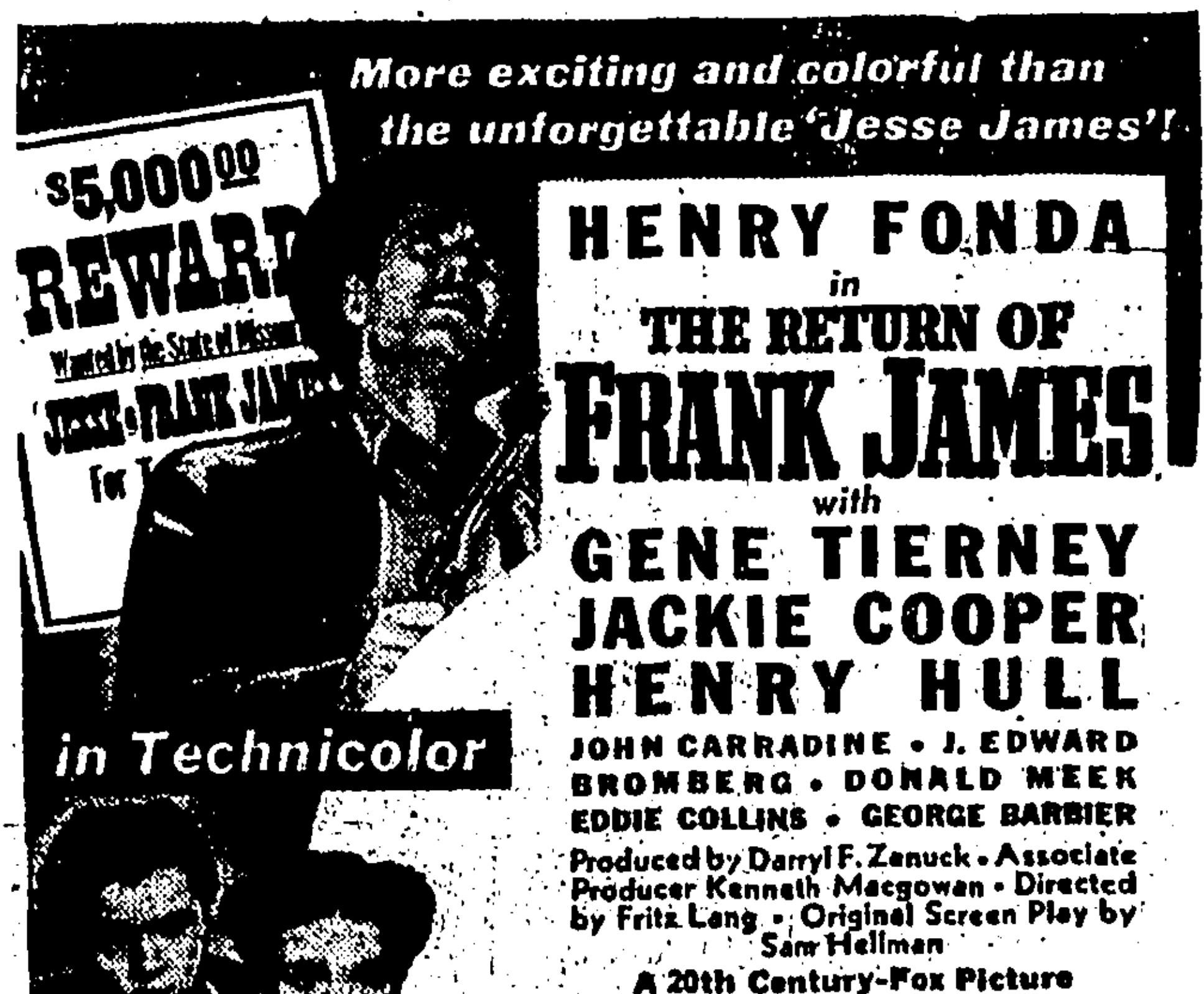
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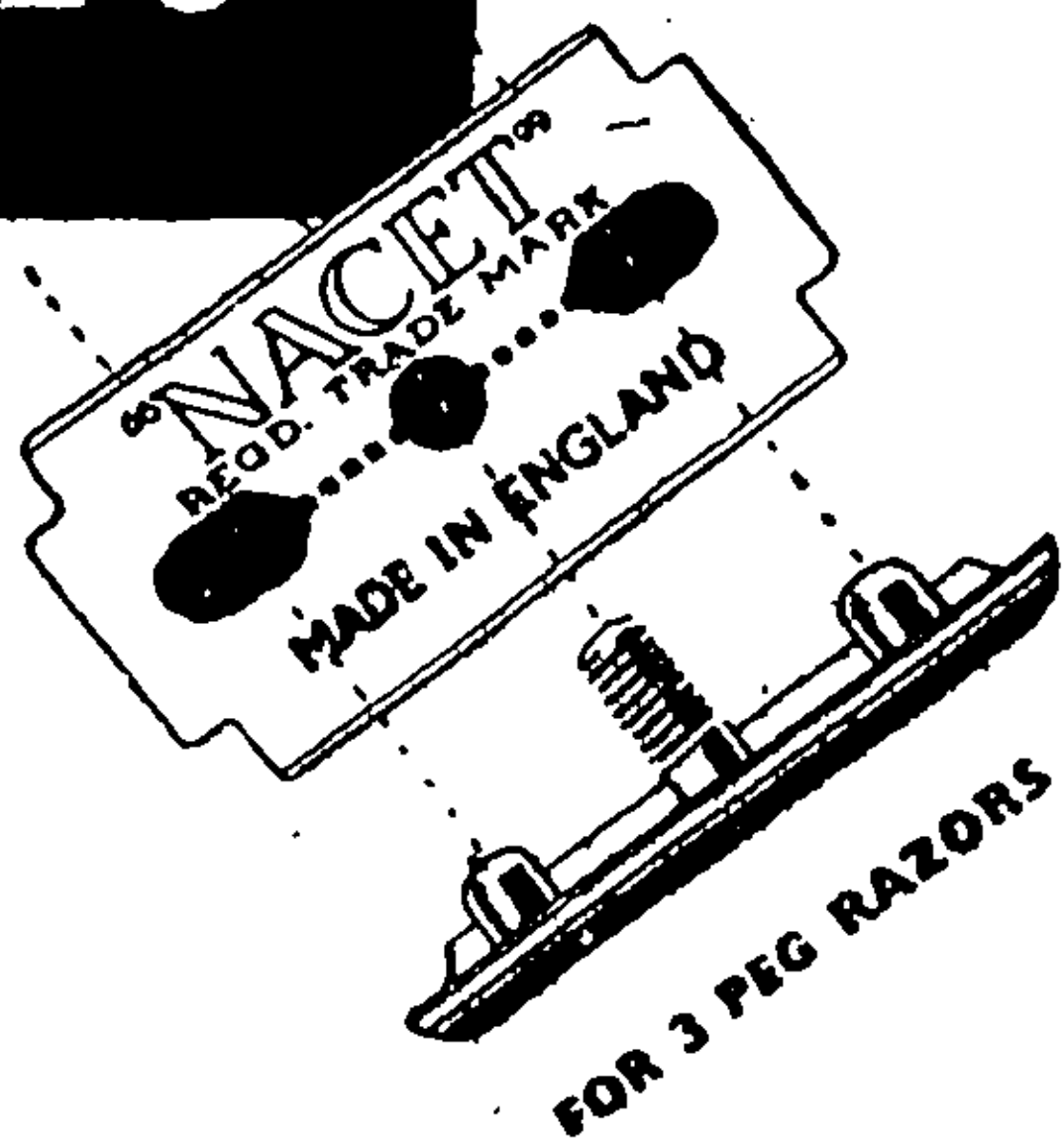
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SPIRIT THAT IL DUCE WILL NOT CONQUER

(From A Correspondent With The Greek Forces)

AFTER A FIFTY-MILE trip over mountain passes from Albania to Greece in a convoy of ambulances carrying Greek wounded, I cannot praise highly enough their courage — nor the amazing skill of the drivers.

The last stars shone coldly over the white Morava mountains in the Northern sector, when, in the dawn darkness, the wounded were carried from the forward base to the waiting ambulances.

As they entered the ambulances, each was given bread and cheese and packets of cigarettes.

Then after final checking, the ambulance convoy rumbled slowly along narrow mountain roads, each bump causing agony to the more severe cases, but their groans were drowned by the indomitable singing of the others.

My ambulance was full of Evzones suffering from frostbite and machine-gun wounds. Their courage during the journey confirmed my conviction that Mussolini will never conquer the spirit of Greece.

When Italian machines bombed the road, the thud of bombs in the valley was mingled with the famous furious Evzone war cry, "Aera, Aera," from even the most severely wounded in my ambulance, and unprintable epithets against the Fascist leaders.

Personal Battle

I continuously noted that the Greek soldier seldom expresses hatred of the ordinary Italian soldier, whom he regards merely with contempt. The war is much more a purely personal affair between every Greek soldier and Mussolini.

After an eleven-hour trip, when we reached the Greek hospital, the men, many of them terribly mangled, were still joking, and their one anxiety was to return as quickly as possible to the wild Albanian mountains to fight on.

Well-Behaved

There is no question that the Italians spent immense fortunes in Albania. I was recently in a typical captured Albanian town. It has an American bar and ornate new bank buildings, which contrast with the shabby Ottoman quarters.

In the smart Cafe Roma, rechristened Cafe London, I spoke freely with many Albanians.

They agree that, while the Greek occupation is causing temporary severe unemployment, the behaviour of the Greek troops is excellent.

A typical change here is that the brothel quarter, previously the haunt of the Italians, is at present deserted.

The focal point every night is at 8.25, when every cafe is packed to capacity with people standing for a final coffee and radio news from London in Greek. There are cheers for each item from Baria and the Mediterranean.

HERO WAS ON LEAVE

Six-foot Seaman Stanley Henry Batchelor, possessor of a rich tenor voice, was to marry a twenty-four-year-old North Country girl.

He got special leave from Chatham and went off gaily to London humming "There'll always be an England." The song, he told his friends, always inspired him, and it was his ambition to sing it over the radio.

Two days before the wedding there was an air raid, and Stanley heard bombs falling.

He borrowed a car and rushed to his fiancée's house, only to find that it had already been bombed. He helped to bring his fiancée's body out of the ruins.

But in face of tragedy he carried on with his rescue work.

For seven hours he worked among the ruined houses in the neighbourhood, rescuing people buried in the debris, ignoring the falling bombs, carrying on even when the Nazis came low to machine-gun the toiling rescuers.

After a rest he was out again, working all through the night. And for the rest of his leave he was almost continually out helping raid victims. Then he collapsed and was taken to hospital.

While on his sick-bed he has received the congratulations of the London Regional Commissioner on the "great assistance cheerfully rendered by him" during the raids.

ARMY POLICEMAN ACQUITTED

Roland Lee Davison, thirty-five, a regimental policeman, was found not guilty at Bedford Assizes of the murder or manslaughter of Sapper Thomas Mallon, Royal Engineers, and he was discharged.

It was alleged that Mallon died from a bayonet wound after a fight with Davison, when he found Mallon with a woman at his billet.

The Judge said that a military policeman was entitled to defend himself with a bayonet.

CRAZED MEN DIED IN HELL AT SEA

Sixteen men in an open boat drifted in an Atlantic hell. Man after man died. Two friends, as death came on them, rose and clasped each other. Five men went mad.

On the eighteenth day of torment, four still lived. They were rescued by a British ship.

Starving, frost-bitten, they were landed at a Canadian port. They are survivors of the 5,162-ton freighter Carlton, torpedoed by an Italian submarine off Ireland.

And their names are: Chief-Officer George Robinson, of Newcastle; Able-Seaman James Patterson, Able-Seaman John Morris, of Birmingham, and Ordinary-Seaman John Amos Pearson, former London cab-driver.

From the hospital bed, Pearson told this story to a Canadian correspondent:—

"We tried to fight the U-boat with a machine-gun. Then they sank us in six minutes. Sixteen of the crew of thirty-four got into one boat, eighteen in another.

"That was December 20."
"On Christmas Eve two kids, cabin-boy Arthur Clark and mess-boy Tony George, aged only sixteen, started crying for water.

Hymns Of Death

"Then the cook started cursing the sea. Suddenly he pummelled the boat with his fists, and then made a dive at bilge plugs and pulled them out. We grabbed the plugs and replaced them just in time.

"The cook gave a mad roar and jumped overboard. We pulled him back—dead.

"Next day was Christmas. Merry Christmas, we said to each other.

"Clark and George were too young for such terrors—they died later. Four Lascar firemen drank sea-water which sent them crazy.

"They lay all night chanting native hymns—wild and creepy hymns. Their voices became silent. They were dead.

"Another boy, aged sixteen, died while sleeping.

"Sitting at opposite ends of the boat were Third-Officer Arthur Beger and a young apprentice. They were inseparable friends.

"They both rose at the same time, tottered towards each other and died in each other's arms.

"Death followed death. Last to go was Seaman Jerry Murphy, of Liverpool.

"The men just became quiet, then expired. Robinson would recite a little prayer every time a man went."

NO MACARONI

Italian prisoners have raised food and cooking problems in India, to where most of those captured in Egypt are being sent.

Macaroni is almost unknown in India, although something similar called sheval, is made by Indian women. But it is a home-made dish, and eaten with milk and sugar.

An Indian flour merchant in Bombay has started manufacturing macaroni.

Offer To Germans

Some German prisoners encamped at Ahmednagar, in the Bombay presidency, created similar problems in the last war.

They demanded sausages and sauerkraut. The Indian cooks responsible for the catering had never heard of such things. They produced curry and rice instead.

A British missionary made an offer. He would cook for the Germans if they joined with him in evening prayers. They did so.

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

INVASION?

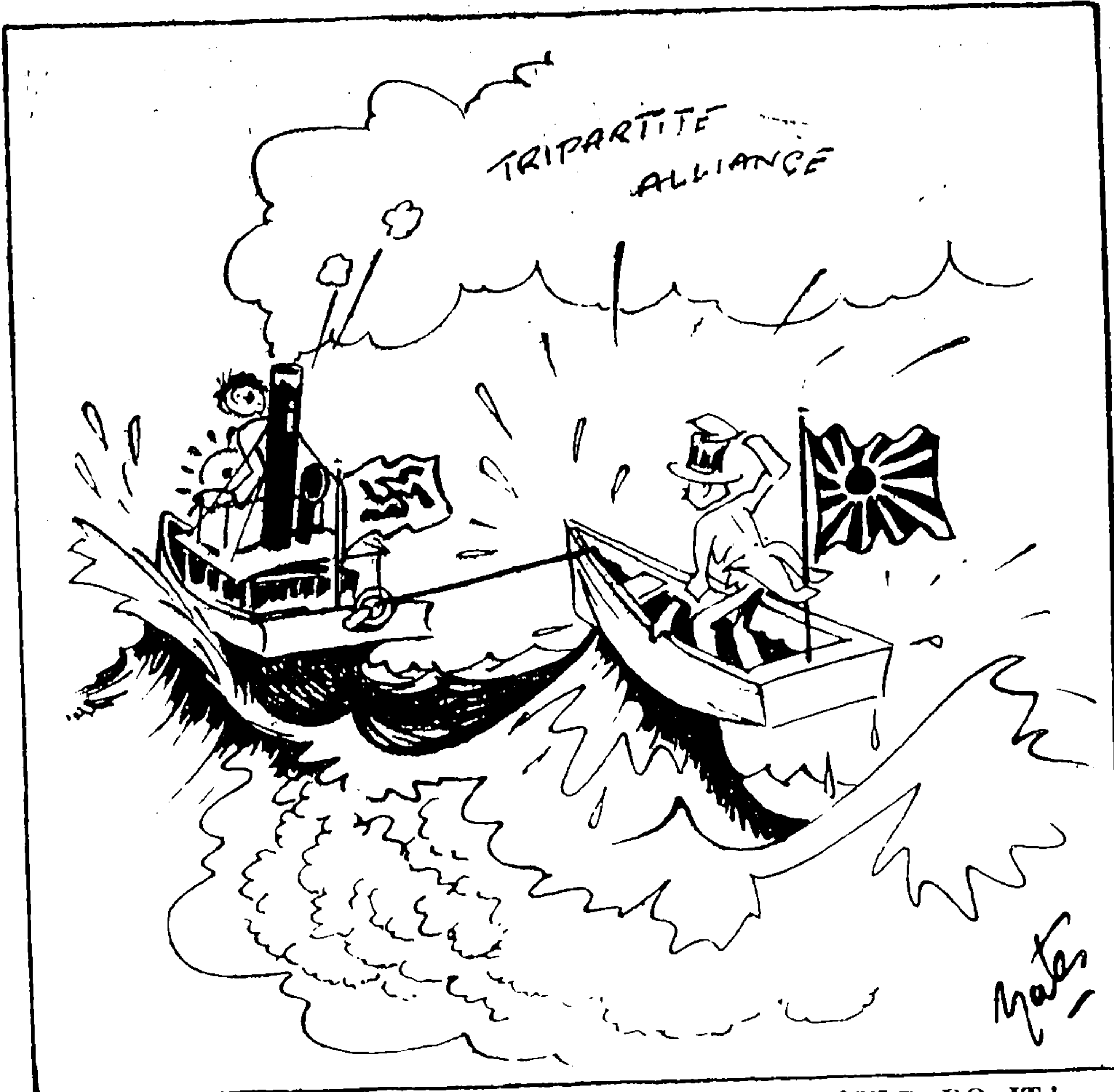
Colonel Knox, Mr. Stimson, Mr. Churchill, Lord Beaverbrook, Signor Gayda, Adolf Hitler, Field-Marshal Goering and Dr. Goebbels, despite their divergent views on most topics, are all agreed on one thing. They have all warned us in varying tones of emphasis that an attempted invasion of this country is possible during coming weeks and months. Do we believe them? The plain answer is that there are still millions who do not.

Now it is perfectly legitimate for contrary opinions to exist about the probability of an invasion. A good case can be made for the view that Hitler with his threats is seeking to bluff us. He has turned his attention to the Mediterranean. He has to rescue Mussolini. He is looking covetously towards the Balkans and beyond. An invasion of Britain must certainly be a most hazardous military undertaking. If it failed a deadly blow would have been dealt against Hitler's prestige. And in the long run might there not be some attraction for him in holding his empire, rounding out its periphery and defying the world to take his gains from him? It is a plausible argument. Yet even so no one must refuse to believe in the possibility of an invasion.

Nothing can alter the fact that the only quick way in which Hitler can win the war is by the subjugation of England. By next winter America's aid to us will be considerable. Even if by that time Hitler had succeeded in marching eastward and resuscitating Mussolini (a formidable restoration) he would not have counter-balanced the forfeit of time, the chief commodity which we need to solder the Anglo-American alliance. He would have spent his own machines and allowed us to accumulate ours. Britain's tight little island is the biggest prize. If it sinks, half the globe must slip into Hitler's hands, and the other half would be left without arms to face his tireless ambition.

The hour may come at any time in darkness or light when the church bells ring once more. If each man and woman knows and plays his part they will be bells of victory as much as bells of warning. They will be a sign that Hitler has challenged in their own home the toughest nation in the world, one that has sworn

THAT SINKING FEELING!



MATSUOKA: ONE LITTLE KNIFE STROKE WOULD DO IT!

Town & Gown

By
Ivor Brown

Visiting Oxford in these days is a form of hard labour, especially on a Saturday. With a deal of cunning, pertinacity, and brute force it is just possible to insert yourself into the Cornmarket or the High Street; by repeating these qualities you may even establish a foothold in one of the shops. Places of entertainment can only be stormed by early and intense preparation. Even putting Ibsen in the stage is no certain prophylactic against box-office stampedes. I found "Hedda Gabler" as effectively packing the Oxford Playhouse as if that lady were called "The Girl With a Gun" ("gat" or "rod") and the part was being rendered on celluloid by Miss Bette Davis.

The war has put a further and colossal kick into that treading down of academic Oxford which the Morris Dance of Industry had so powerfully started. The joke about Oxford being the Latin Quarter of Cowley had begun to be true enough. But now, thanks to evacuation from London, New College might be called the Culture Barrow of the New Cut, while Balliol rears the mock-baronial turrets of its front quad, like the Highland mansion of a Cockney profiteer, over a myriad jostling emigrants from Cricklewood and Camberwell. The newcomers appear to be of all kinds, from pale, exhausted mothers (the large majority) to some fairly sturdy, brutish, and prognathous males. Elbowed into the gutter by some of the more formidable of these and reflecting on their possible origin and the cause of their enforced leisure by the Isis, I decided that the true university of these days is a Collection of Bookies.

There was a time when it was fashionable for "town" and "gown" to meet in conflict, preferably on November 5. The battle began with hilarity and banter and ended sometimes with less amiable exchanges of taunt and missile. At least the contest, however foolish, was evenly matched. But nowadays "gown" would be so utterly outnumbered that it would be absurd to take the field — or street. A lonely and an insanely audacious Gentle might as well start a pogrom in West Hampstead — that is, before West Hampstead had overrun the suburbs of Oxford. No, it is

to break the body of any trespassers on its soil, to hurl them back so hard as to break the hearts of the maniacs who sent them.

idle to think any longer of dreaming spires and scholar gipsies vagrant on the neighbouring hills. What was left of the old magic has been dissipated. The colleges themselves seem now to be the intruders, and one feels that the people who push you into the gutter are extremely disgusted at the presence of all this ancient clutter of stone. What business has a mere Bodleian to take up so much space which might have gone to the housing of new films or of ninepenny bazaars? Brasenose and All Souls indeed! Why not Rialto, Palasium, Alcazar, and Trash Stores, Ltd.?

Admittedly there was much wrong with the Oxford of thirty years ago. A walk past its shop windows did rather suggest that the city was specially designed for the sale of bad wine and good riding boots, together with the costlier ties and tobaccos and the more elegant shirtings, to young fools with too much pocket-money and a flair for spending even more than that. Had one been a "Scout" in those days, doomed week after week and year after year to clear up the mess made by drunken little Etonians and their flashy hangers-on, a sour Communism would have been a natural state of mind. The idea of Oxford and Cambridge as Academies, cities of beauty and learning, walled about so that the devotees of the aspiring mind should have isolation and tranquility for their slow-paced and reverent pursuit of truth, may have kindled some bachelor affections, but it was never a fact after the Middle Ages. The Academe of the poor scholar became the bear-garden of young Sir Midas.

Now that the Mile End Road and Maida Vale are treading in the footsteps of the Bullington club there is no drastic desecration or essential change. The poor are doing very much what the rich did before them (and with far less excuse) — namely, parading England's most beautiful streets without the faintest idea that they are beautiful. "Blacked-out" Oxford under a full moon has a loveliness not revealed to recent generations who broke that silver splendour with their street lamps and never knew that they were interrupting a perfection of eye-music, as it were Mozart in stone. But how many are aware of it?

It would be extremely interesting to know what proportion of Oxford's London immigrants arriving since last September have taken the slightest trouble to find out anything about Oxford except the whereabouts of cinemas and shops.

This kind of crowding will pass, but Oxford and Cambridge will never again be just enclaves of scholarship, the homes of a cloistered and a fugitive learning. It can be well argued that universities should be planted among the universal interests and that scholars should rub shoulders daily with the men of business and affairs. This, it may be thought, will broaden the minds of each and mitigate both the priggishness of the bookworm and the crudity of the exclusively commercial mind. None the less, I would support the idea of a somewhat separate city for the academic life, because its separateness now can never be complete. Cheap and swift transport makes total isolation impossible, and, in any case, there are several and prolonged vacations in which the student is sufficiently reminded of the market-place.

In defence of the enclaves I would plead that the beginning of adult life in a place at once beautiful and dedicated to the fine issues of life must have a precious influence for at least a fraction of the undergraduates; some of whom must have some sensibility in these matters. To be faced with this fact of age-long dedication to immaterial things, to live in buildings that have grown upward and outward with their own expanding purpose (and that purpose no pursuit of profit), must be good for the soul, if spark of soul there be. Furthermore, the enclave will have its close countryside which the great city will not. Academe must have its Arcady. Both Oxford and Cambridge have always been something more than the kraals of ancient culture. They have been market towns, and at stated seasons the fairgrounds of the Cotswold fringe and East Anglian flats. And so, one hopes, they will remain, long after they have ceased to be the cisterns for London's wartime overflow.

There will always be the two contrasted ideas of virtue in holiness of the recluse, penance in some exquisite retreat, and the saintliness of the busy slum-parson whose workshop is the world's. In the arts the same dispute arises. Is it the end to achieve the perfection of professional work in music and drama or to have the people play and sing, albeit without much skill or even competence? Do we look to one superb exultant or to a ne-

Bulgaria Goes

The armies of Reichsfuehrer Hitler are again on the march. The German move initially may not extend beyond the Bulgarian frontier, although Herr Hitler's eventual objective is obviously domination of all the Balkans. Completion of the occupation of small Bulgaria offered no particular obstacle to the Nazi troops, although the terrain is mountain-

By Hanson W. Baldwin

ous, roads and railroads are relatively poor and at this season snow and mud handicap transportation.

The main route of the "Orient Express" runs from Belgrade through Sofia, then south of the Balkan Mountains through Plovdiv and across the Turkish border to Adrianople and Istanbul. A branch line runs southward from Sofia down the Struma toward Salonika.

Bulgaria is virtually cut in two by the Balkan Mountains. The southern and western parts of the country — along the Greek and Yugoslav frontiers — are mountainous; the Maritsa River system with its valleys and basins runs to the south-east and levels out into the Black Sea plain. There, at the border of Turkey, the Tinja River offers a good barrier to invasion in front of Turkish Adrianople.

The Rhodope Mountains on the south are a natural border between Greece and Bulgaria, pierced by several passes, the most important of them being the Struma River gap, north-east of strategically important Greek Salonika. There are two other principal passes — north of Greek Kavala and north of Dede Agach. Roads are bad and there are only seven across the Bulgarian-Greek frontier, all but one of them little better than mountain trails.

The Rhodope Mountain passes that lead into the Greek panhandle have been fortified by the Greeks with field works and the Turks also have established field fortifications along their frontier.

Bulgaria, chiefly agricultural, would be of some importance, perhaps, to the German bread basket, but is chiefly important strategically, for it is there that the two traditional routes of conquest from Asia into Europe, and vice versa, meet — one through Russia north of the Black Sea, the other across the Dardanelles into Asiatic Turkey. Bulgaria is in a sense the strategic key to the Balkans; hence its importance in the German strategy.

British Reaction Awaited

What the British reaction is to the German occupation is not yet clear. We control the Aegean, and under the Montreux Convention apparently have the right to send ships through the Dardanelles into the Black Sea if desired, though the utility of such a move is questionable.

Salonika is the natural point for a British landing in force, but Salonika might be made a shambles by German bombers. On the other hand, quick and intensive bombing of German troop movements in the bottlenecks of the Rhodope and Balkan mountain passes might materially slow the German advance.

But whether we have enough planes to attempt such bombardment, or even enough troops to prevent the extension of Herr Hitler's conquests beyond the Bulgarian frontiers, is unknown.

tion making its art with all the enthusiasm, but also with the inevitably limited efficiency, of the happy amateur? Do we look for learning democratically spread about our mills and factories or delicately cabined by its river banks of green and under its pinnacles of stone-cut poetry? The ideals are not in essence contradictory. We can always manage, as they say, with a bit of both. But just at present there is nothing of the enclave left. Carfax has assumed the roar and multitudes of Charing Cross, and a new Martyrs' Memorial will have to be erected to Oxonians trodden down to dusty death by the invasive Londoners while they strove to buy a pound of sausages or to secure a last spoonful of their aboriginal and pulsant marmalade.

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This young patriot had been living high in the mountains of Peru with the girl who had braved the wartime risks of an Atlantic crossing from Britain to become his wife.

In Peru they had happiness, gaiety and security; a profitable job in the copper mining industry, and a home in a country that was at peace.

An occasional English paper, letters from friends, and news broadcasts were their only links with Britain, but through them the young man learned of the need for pilots, observers, and air gunners to man the increasing supply of bombers and fighters.

The man is now training to become an observer.

His wife is now defying the Germans by taking up nursing in one of the most-bombed parts of Britain.

**VERY PISTOL FIRES
'PLANE CARTRIDGES**

During an attack by enemy fighters on R.A.F. bombers raiding Beral, a machine-gun bullet struck the Very pistol tube of one of our aircraft, throwing the pistol into the cockpit.

There it set fire to cartridges and filled the cabin with smoke, temporarily blinding the pilot.

The aircraft was thrown out of control. But as the pilot was on the point of ordering the crew to bale out, the sergeant observer, showing great presence of mind, got the cockpit roof open. The smoked cleared and the pilot regained control.

The observer also stamped out a fire which had started beside his own seat. His efforts saved both aircraft and crew.

**NAZIS FEAR HOUSE
FAMINE**

German radio stated recently that owners of houses in Germany, large or small, must be responsible for necessary repairs.

Should the owners not carry out such repairs the local county councils will enforce it.

This decree has been issued to prevent a house shortage, added the announcer, who during the broadcast avoided reference to air raids.

**CATHEDRAL
WRECKED**

Italian bombers have wrecked the cathedral at Preveza, Greece, it was reported in Athens.

**ANSALDO
PREDICTS
A HUGE
ATTACK**

The United States will most likely disregard Reichsfuehrer Hitler's warning that he will sink American ships going to England, Giovanni Ansaldo told the Italian armed forces in his weekly broadcast.

However, he cheered up his listeners by saying that the German Spring attack would be the greatest ever seen in warfare.

"Spring will see a German drive, compared with which all previous attacks in this war will be considered mere episodes," Signor Ansaldo said. "Germany has colossal armament and stocks of raw materials. She is stronger than ever and will use that strength against all nations aiding England."

"Will Hitler's warning have any effect on the United States? We do not think so. All recent events, including the Foreign Affairs Committee's report, indicate that the United States will send ships to meet Axis torpedoes."

"Roosevelt is not fighting to save England. He is fighting for American imperialism, since he wants to replace England with the United States as a world power. To-day the United States is doing what England did up to the present conflict—she is ready to fight to her ally's last man."

Painful Events

"Roosevelt wants to destroy the Tri-Power Pact because it is the only obstacle on the United States' road to world domination. With that aim in mind, Roosevelt aids England, but he also wants to see England destroyed. Thus England is forced to fight for American imperialism."

"It is clear that the Axis submarine attack in the Spring will be decisive. Germany will unleash such a drive as has never been seen in any war."

"Those recent events in Africa are painful, but they have importance for the conflict as a whole. Do not fear—we will defeat Wavell [General Sir Archibald P. Wavell, British Commander in Chief in the Near East]."

**SHELTERS FOR
YOUTHS, GIRLS**

Special air raid shelters for youths and girls—that's the latest idea of the Ministry of Home Security.

They are to be built in boys' and girls' clubs throughout the country.

Conditions in some public shelters are regarded as undesirable for youth. Social workers have complained that where there is insufficient lighting and control there are "grave moral dangers."

**GOAT SAVES BABY'S
LIFE**

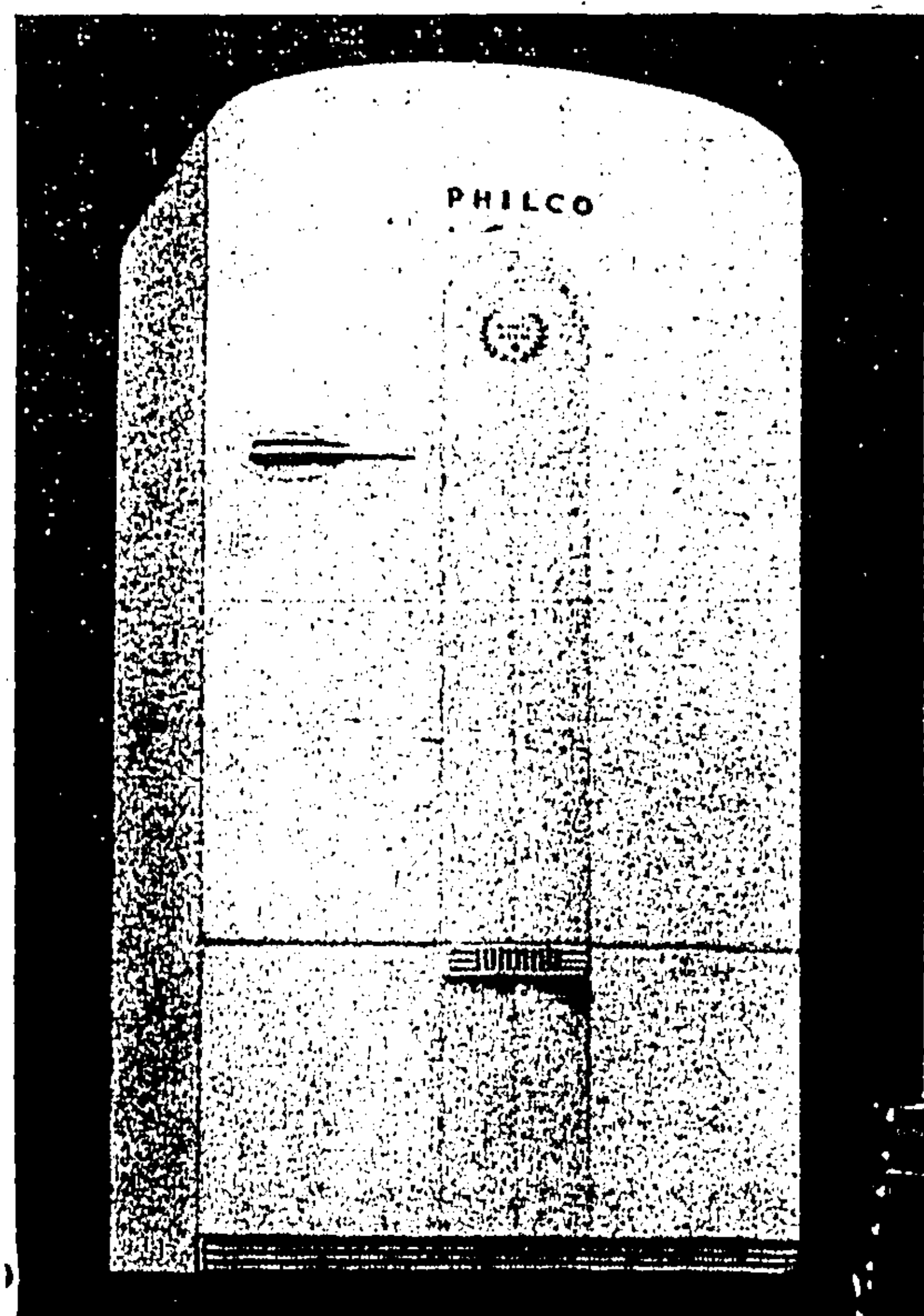
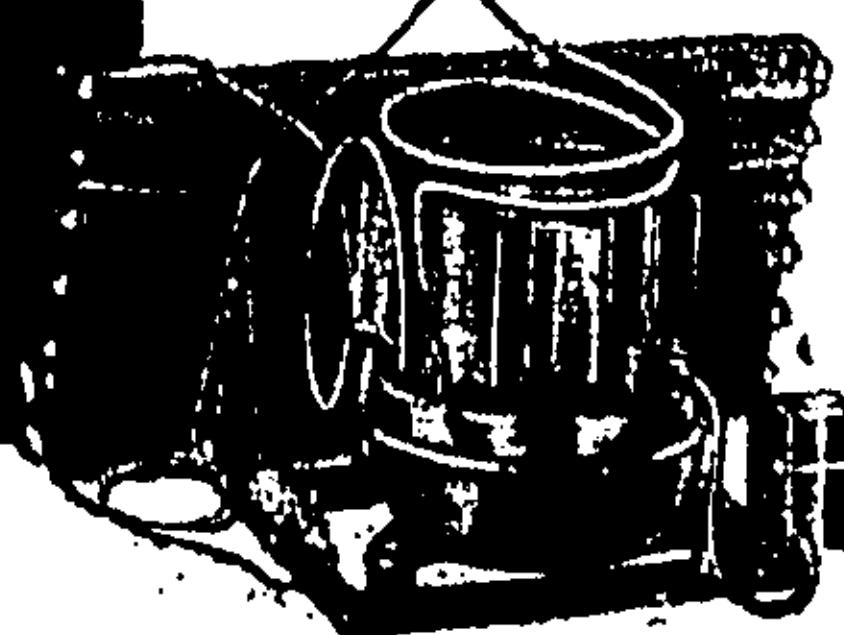
Goat's milk has saved the life of a seven-month-old boy in Newcastle-on-Tyne General Hospital.

He was given only a few hours to live when taken to hospital suffering from a skin disease which was aggravated by ordinary milk.

Now the baby has his two pints of goat's milk a day and is well on the way to recovery.

ATLANTIC PILOT

Bernt Balchen, a well-known Norwegian pilot, is one of the men engaged in flying the Consolidated Aircraft patrol bombers to England, according to the New York "Times."

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FEW VOTERS SUPPORT COL. LINDBERGH

THE QUESTION of how many Americans share the viewpoint of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh in favouring a negotiated peace between Germany and England, how many want the British to try to make the best peace they can now, instead of continuing the war, has been put to voters in a nation-wide survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion.

The results, according to Dr. George Gallup, the institute's director, show that the negotiated peace idea is shared by only a small minority—approximately one voter in every seven.

"The strength of this group," Dr. Gallup says, "just about equals that of another group at the opposite extreme—those who want the United States to get into the war. The most recent survey on that subject found approximately one voter in every eight in favour of going to war.

"In between these two extremes the 'war party' on the one hand, and the party which wants England to make a deal with the Nazis on the other hand lie the great majority of the American people. They do not sympathise with the negotiated peace idea, 79 per cent. hope Britain will continue to fight until the Nazis are defeated. Neither do they sympathise with the war party, for 88 per cent., at the last count, want the United States to stay out of the war. But the majority of them are for aiding Britain in every possible way short of war.

"To-day's survey put the following question to a cross-section of the voting public:

"Which of these two things do you think England should do now try to make the best possible peace now with Germany, or keep on fighting in the hope of defeating Germany."

"The results are	P.C.
Try to make peace now	15
Keep on fighting	79
Don't know	6

Contrasted With British Feeling

"It is a curious fact that in this country, thousands of miles away from the bombs and bloodshed of Britain, more people want an Anglo-German peace than in embattled Britain itself. Last December the British Institute of Public Opinion took a poll in England on the idea of a negotiated peace with Germany and found that only 7 per cent. of British voters favoured such a plan, despite four hard months of savage air raids.

"The same survey also found that the temper of the British people was such that as many as 13 per cent. would report to the authorities any person who even suggested making a negotiated peace.

"With the views of the British and the American people on record concerning a negotiated peace, the story would be complete if a survey could be taken among the common people of Germany as well as Italy. War-time conditions have not interfered with the work of the British Institute, which has continued without censorship, but free measurement of opinions does not thrive in countries where a free press is unknown.

Hitler Pledges Mistrusted

"An analysis of the reasons why most American voters oppose a negotiated peace between Germany and England shows two main attitudes—that Germany 'must be stopped now,' and that a peace made with Hitler would not last 'because his pledge is worthless.'

"Typical of many was this comment of a textile worker in North Carolina: 'Any peace now would serve only as a temporary advantage for Hitler to recuperate so that he could resume his programme of world destruction. It

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After twenty-one years of argument Stanley Co. Durham, township, has made up its mind.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Second Extra Race Meeting Saturday, 29th March, 1941

The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 P.M. on MONDAY, 24th March.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 29th March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th March, 1941.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 28th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,

Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March, 1941, at noon, in the BOARD ROOM of the Company, SECOND FLOOR, EXCHANGE BUILDING, HONG KONG, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial year ended 31st December, 1940, and re-electing two Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 14th March to the 28th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1941.

By Order of the Board,

J. P. SHERRY,

Managing Director.
14, Des Voeux Road, Central,
Hong Kong.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1940.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1941, to THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, both days inclusive.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April to 15th April, 1941 both days inclusive.

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Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10 per cent. surcharge to the amounts charged, for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
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Bidding Half-Tricks

By The Four Aces

"Perhaps you can make something clear to us," writes a St. Louis enthusiast. "We are a group of sixteen who meet each week, but there's a lot we still have to learn about the game. This is the sort of hand that always gives us the creeping jimmies:

North, Dealer

East-West vulnerable

♠ K 10 8 7
♥ Q 4 3
♦ 4
♣ K J 9 7 2

♠ 4 3
♥ A J 10
♦ Q J 10
♣ 5 3

♠ 5 2
♥ 9 8 5
♦ A K 8 7
♣ 3

♠ A Q J 9 6
♥ K 7 6 2
♦ 9 6
♣ A 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

"As you can see, there's no way of defeating four spades; but we couldn't see any way of getting to four spades. North isn't strong enough to go to three spades, and South isn't strong enough to bid again when North simply raises to two spades. Isn't there some way for North to bid two-and-a-half spades?"

Strangely enough, there is a way of doing that — although the rules of the game forbid any such bid in so many words. North should bid two clubs instead of two spades. If South has a sound opening bid, he will give North another chance to bid so North doesn't have to be in a hurry to raise the spades. (And if South hasn't a sound opening bid and consequently has to pass two clubs, the North-South hands will be too weak for game and little will have been missed).

When South bids two spades over North's response of two clubs, North can go to three spades. This combination of bids by North — first bidding his own suit and then raising South's suit — is the easiest way to show a hand whose strength is about midway between a single and a double raise. And once South gets that message, he will naturally bid four spades, since he has substantially more strength than he needed for his opening bid.

* * *

Saturday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held

♠ A K 9 6
♥ 7 3 2
♦ 6
♣ A K 10 4 3

The bidding:

Burnstone	Schenker	You	Jacoby
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid three spades. This is a strong invitation (not a force) to game, and your partner will accept if he has a King or so in the red suits in addition to a four-card or five-card spade suit headed by the Queen. If he has less than that strength, the contract of three spades will be fairly safe.

Score 100% for three spades, 30% for four spades, 10% for two spades.

Question No. 672

To-day you are Howard Schenker's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K 9 6
♥ Q 3 2
♦ 6
♣ A K Q 4 3

The bidding:

Schenker	Maker	You	Jacoby
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)
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CHAMBERLAIN MEMENTOES

Women anxious to obtain some of the more personal household effects as mementoes were among bidders at the auction sale of some of the furniture and effects of Mr. Neville Chamberlain's home, Westbourne, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

The auctioneer made it clear that the 300 odd lots constituted only a portion of the household effects. It was that part which was no longer required by the family.

Bidding was keen for a set of Persian pottery which formerly belonged to Mr. Joseph Chamberlain. There was a valuable collection of books, chiefly on butterflies and moths—a favourite study of the late Prime Minister. One of these, "Beautiful Butterflies of the Tropics," was inscribed, "With Sir John Holder's best wishes, Christmas, 1920."

Among other articles offered was a gold buttonhole flower holder, though no one could remember the former Prime Minister ever wearing flowers in his coat lapel. A collection of juvenile books were all more or less of a serious nature: "The Story of Our Island Home," "Japan—Her Place in the East," and "The Story of France."

Many of the souvenir hunters had hoped to secure an umbrella or fishing tackle, but none was on offer. Most of the fishing tackle had been distributed among angling friends.

The first lot offered was a quantity of linoleum, for which an initial bid of 15s was made, but it finally went for £2. A 3ft oak bureau with graduated drawers which had been used by the Chamberlain family for accommodating birds' eggs realised 18s. Three sets—each of 50 children's books—realised 12s., 17s 6d and 20s per set.

Mr. W. S. Edwards, who conducted part of the sale, afterwards said, "We had a good company and good competition. No doubt many people bought articles as souvenirs. I bought a little lot of ornamental china as a souvenir for a guinea. It was a better sale than I thought likely."

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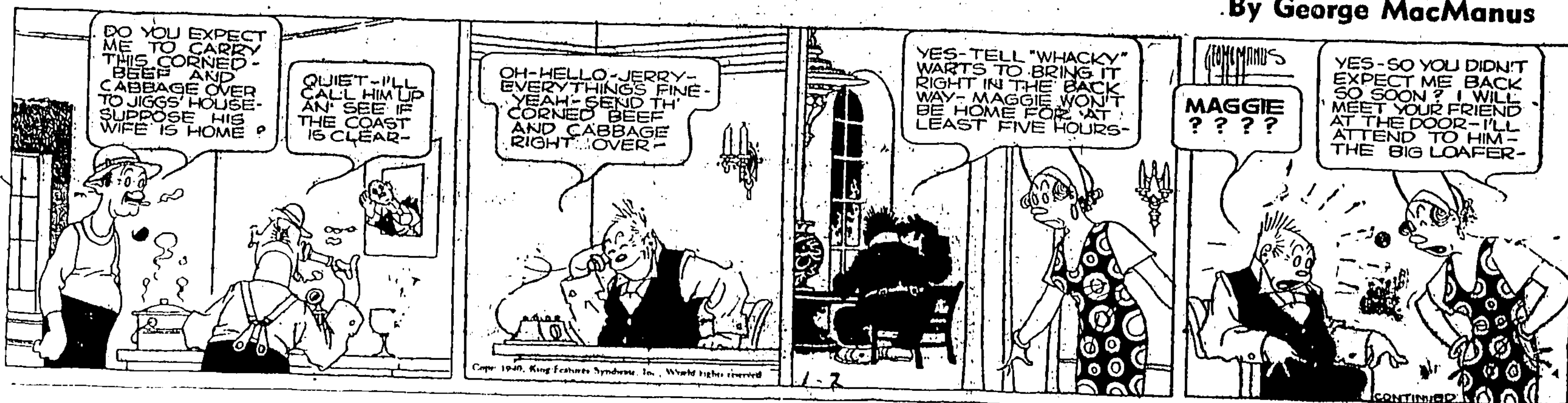
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If you are over twenty-five, courageous and can face facts take a candid look at your profile in a good strong light! Is the chin and throat contour flabby and has a double chin begun to form? If either is the case you might as well make up your mind to exercise more.

Every woman ardently wishes that she knew the name of a miracle cream or lotion which would preserve her beauty until she died. But there is no such wonder mixture, and flabby contours and double chins will form if we do not care properly for our bodies.

One may use twenty beauty preparations on one's face and neck and still those aging signs will appear if the whole body is not kept youthful and healthy through exercise and thoughtful feeding.

Have you ever noticed how much younger you looked after a vacation under the sun, when you swam and walked and perhaps played tennis, and danced until morning hours? Were not your face and neck firmer in contour, your skin clearer and lovelier, with its coat of sun tan, and didn't you feel pretty much like a million?



All women envy the firm, youthful facial contour of lovely OLIVIA DE HAVILAND.

glamourtime, then women would be more prone to stretch and swing and roll and bump, to keep themselves fit and lovely looking. Without a certain amount of exercise a woman cannot hope to retain her beauty, enhance her beauty or keep young looking. Lack of exercise ages a woman rapidly—even though she may diet lion dollars when you returned home to tackle the tasks awaiting you?

Many things were accountable for that revived vitality. You rested, you ate well, you forgot to worry, you sunned and aired your body, you played. But above

all you were far more physically active during your holiday than you are while you stay at home. Every muscle had a work-out and was supplied with the nourishment it needed. Your body became more agile and delighted in the exercise you took. Golfing or swimming or walking long trails did not seem like any great effort, but also spending twenty minutes a day at home exercising (or even fifteen) seems like too great a chore for beauty!

Keep Young

I wish there was a pleasing sounding synonym for exercise—something like beautyhour, or to keep streamlined her muscles will be soft and old looking.

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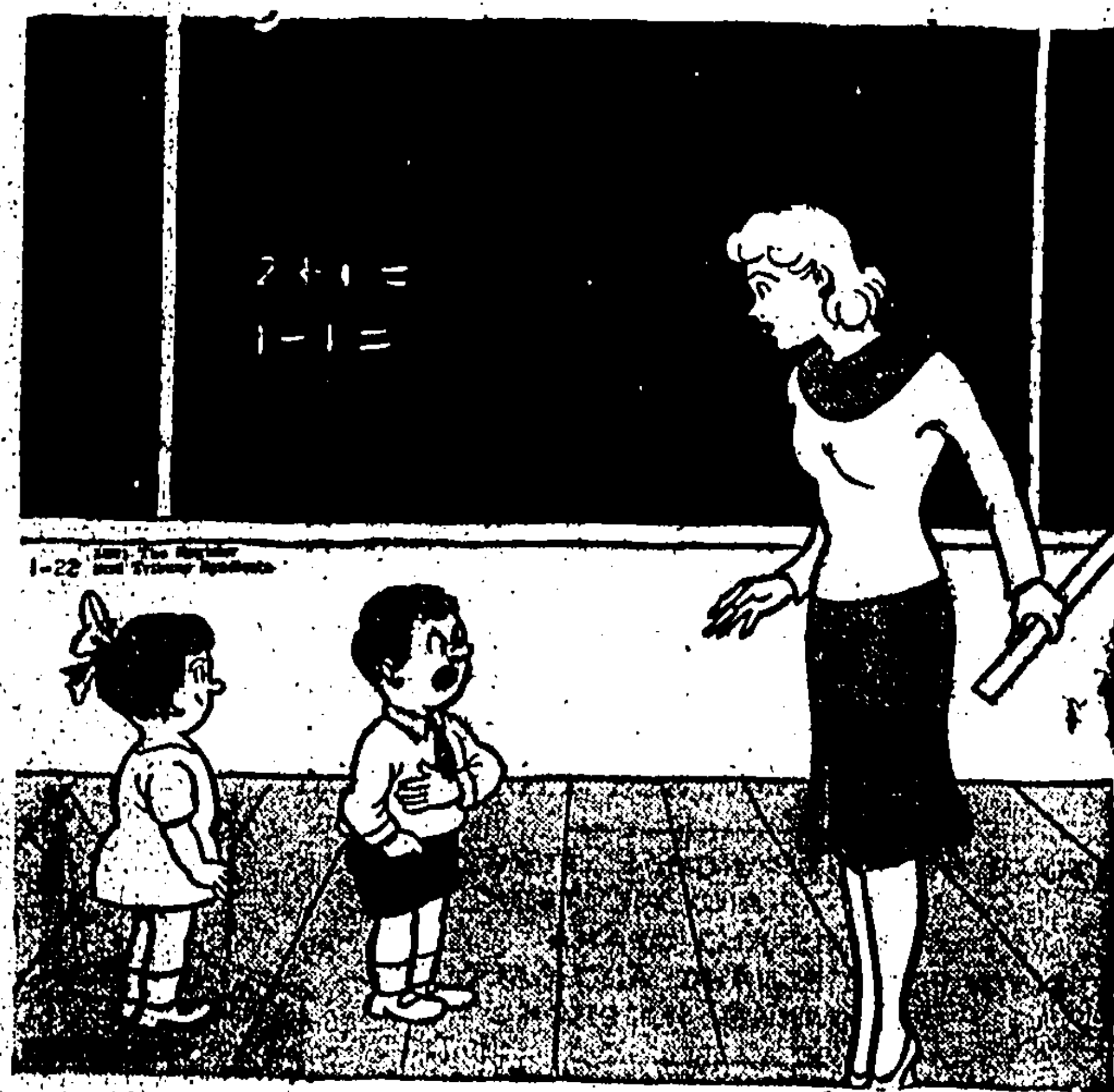
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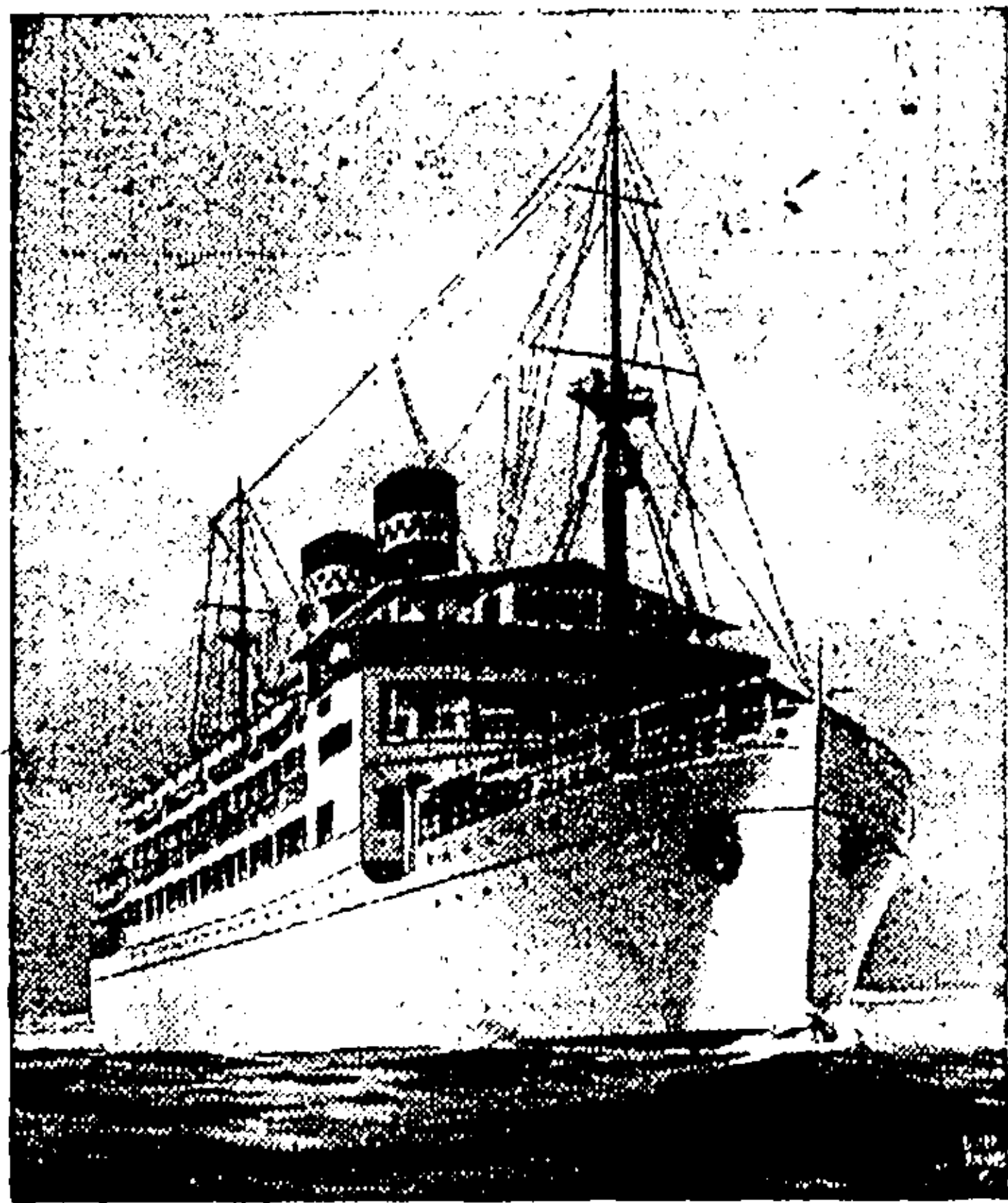
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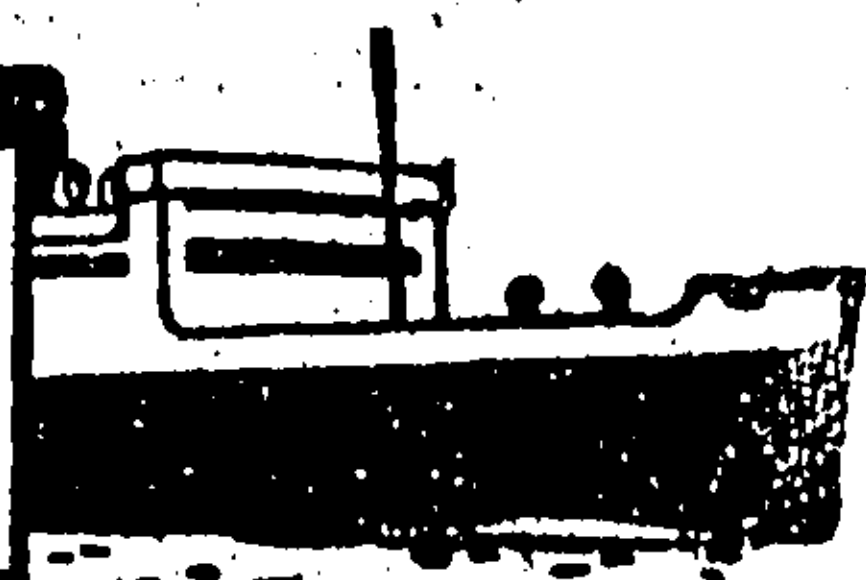
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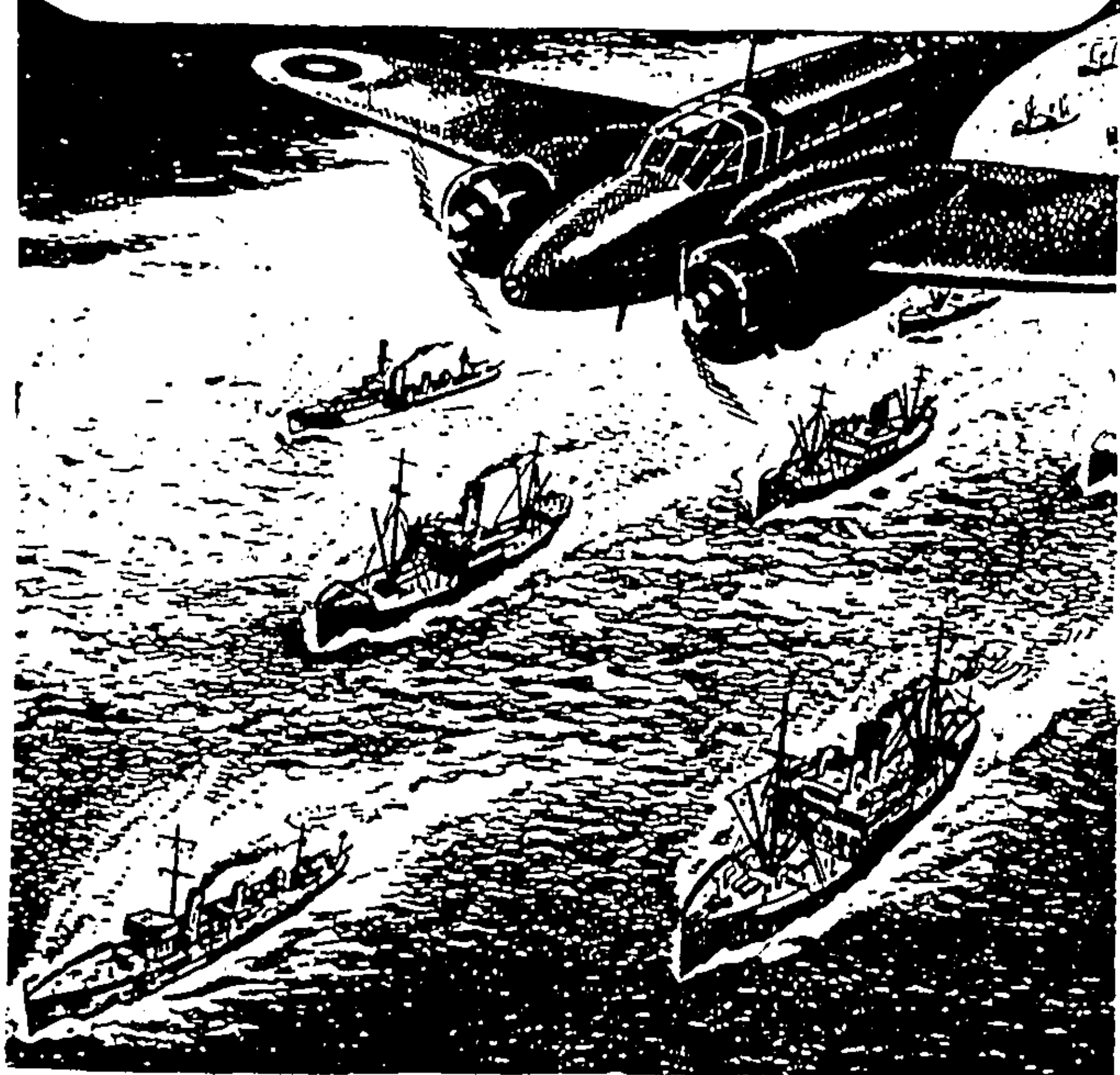
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal—Moonlight and Shadows (film 'Jungle Princess').
Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra.
Organ—Grasshoppers' Dance (Bucalossi).

Sydney Gustard.
Piano and Vocal—A Bouquet for Cole Porter.

Intro: What is this thing called love? Night and Day; I'm in love again; You've got that thing; Let's do it; Love for sale.

Arthur Young (Piano) and the Youngsters w. Vocal Chorus.
Vocal—Just Let Me Look At You (from 'Joy of Living').
Sing a Song of Harvest (from 'Kentucky Moonshine').

Kenny Baker with Orchestra.
Vocal and Piano—I'm a Fool for Loving You.

Turner Layton.
Vocal—Palms of Paradise (film 'Typhoon').

Sweet Potato Piper (film 'The Road to Singapore').
Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Orchestra Mascotte with Tino Rossi (Tenor).

Walk Right In—Waltz (Ziehrer).
My Life is filled with Love and Longing (Jos. Strauss).

Orchestra Mascotte.
Les Fleurs C'est De L'Amour (Montier and Tillymoon).

Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orch.
Music of the Spheres—Waltz (Strauss).

My Lucky Day—Waltz (Carste).
Orchestra Mascotte.

Mia Piccolina (film 'Naples au balser de feu').
Rien Qu'un Chant D'Amour (film 'Naples au balser de feu').

Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orch.
Hobgoblin's Review (Noack).
Parade of the Tin Soldiers (Jessel).
Orchestra Mascotte.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Beethoven—Trio in G Major, Op. 9, No. 1.

1st Mov. Adagio-Allegro con brio
2nd Mov. Adagio ma non troppo e cantabile
3rd Mov. Scherzo (Allegro)
4th Mov. Presto
The Pasquier Trio

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—French Programme with Yvonne Printemps (Soprano).

Meditation (from 'Thais'—Massenet).
Boston Promenade Orchestra.
Pensée D'Automne—Melodie (Massenet).

Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orch.
Jeux D'Eau (Ravel).
Benito Mussolini (Piano).
Au Clair de La Lune (Lullu).
Plaisir D'Amour (Martini).
Yvonne Printemps (Soprano).
Alborada Del Gracioso (Ravel).
Orchestra Des Concerts Straram.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Working Together.'

7.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's 'The Mikado.'

Overture—The Light Opera Orch.
Comes A Train of Little Ladies.
Chorus of Girls.
Three Little Maids.
Elsie Griffin, D. Hemingway and B. Elburn with Chorus of Girls.

So Please You, Sir.
Elsie Griffin and Aileen Davies.
Bertha Elburn, Leo Sheffield and Chorus of Girls.

Were You Not To Go-Ko Plighted.
Elsie Griffin and Derek Oldham.
I Am So Proud.
Leo Sheffield, Henry A. Lytton and George Baker.

Here's A How-De-Do!
Elsie Griffin, Derek Oldham and Henry A. Lytton.
Mi-Ya Sa-Ma.
Bertha Lewis, Darrel Francour, and Chorus.

See How the Fates.
D. Francour, B. Lewis, A. Davies, H. A. Lytton, L. Sheffield.
The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring.
D. Oldham, H. A. Lytton.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—This week's programmes.

8.05 p.m.—Piano-Accordion Solos by George Scott-Wood.

Song of Songs (Moya).
Speak to Me of Love (Lenoir).
Stars Over Devon. (Flynn and Egan).

8.15 p.m.—London 'Relay'—Hi, Gang!

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

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9.30 p.m.—A Programme of Old English Music.

Pavane, Calliard (William Byrd).
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Passing By (Purcell).
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CLERGYMAN ON THEFT CHARGE

A minister's activities in running a canteen for soldiers were mentioned at Liverpool when the Rev. James Fitzgerald Crawford, 34, of Broadgreen Road, Liverpool, minister of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland, in Hall Lane, Liverpool, was charged with obtaining by false pretences a cheque for £130 from the Rev. A. C. W. Thrush, pastor of Queen's Road Undenominational Church, Bootle.

He was also charged with obtaining £10 and £5 from Clifford Brookes, a company manager, of Childwall Valley Road, Liverpool, by false pretences.

Another charge was of stealing £63 18s. 6d. from the Broadgreen canteen and Comforts Fund.

At a previous hearing it was alleged that Crawford gave Mr. Thrush a cheque which was returned "R. D."

The hearing was adjourned.

(Michael Arne).

Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Piano.

La Volta (Byrd).

The Pipers' Guild Quartet.

My Lovely Celia (Monte).

Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Piano.

The Faery Queen—Three Dances (Purcell).

Hornpipe; Rondeau; Jig.

The Jacques String Orchestra.

Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes (Words Ben Jonson—Music Anon.)

Hubert Elsdell, Heddie Nash, Dennis Noble and Norman Allin unaccompanied.

Air and Hornpipe (Purcell).

Edith Penrice (Flute) w. Piano.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—News from Home by Howard Marshall.

10.15 p.m.—Excerpts from Ivor Novello's Shows.

Far Away in Shanty Town (from 'Glamorous Night').

Elisabeth Welch (Comedienne) with Orchestra.

Give Me Back My Heart (from 'Symphony in Two Flats').

Albert Sandler and His Orch.

Studio Scene—A bit of Opera ('Careless Rapture').

Ivor Novello, Dorothy Dickson and Olive Gilbert with Orch.

'Chest of the Wave'—Selections.

The Drury Lane Theatre Orch.

10.36 p.m.—Dance Music.

Swing Fox-Trots—Undecided.

The Lady's In Love With You (film 'Some Like It Hot').

Benny Goodman and His Orch.

Tangos—Red Roses.

Dreaming of the Puszta.

George Boulanger and His Orch.

Fox-Trots—Minnie the Moocher's Wedding Day.

Hot Toddy.

Bob Calloway and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Parade of the Little White Mice.

Waltz—Start the Day Right (from 'Haw Haw').

Guy Lombardo and His Roy Canadians.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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OUTCLASSED AND outplayed St. Joseph's were beaten in the Semi-final of the Senior Shield Football Competition by South China by 7 goals to 1 at Causeway Bay yesterday after being led at the interval by 3 goals to 1.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDOY"

IN the Large Unit Hockey League, Middlesex Regiment have a ready won and are seven points in the lead of the 5/7th Rajput Regiment, who have another three games to play and can only secure six more points at the most.

The three leading teams in the League are

	P.	W.	L.	O.	Pts.
Middlesex Regt.	9	8	0	1	17
5/7th Rajput Regt.	6	4	0	2	10
12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.	7	3	1	3	9

RUGBY FOOTBALL

ROYAL Engineers are still undefeated in the Large Units Rugby League. They further increased their lead on Tuesday by defeating the Combined Small Units by 14 points to nil.

In this game Engineers lost one of their best players in Sgt. Blackman, who unfortunately broke his leg.

Middlesex Regiment won their second game by beating the Royal Artillery 13 points to 3. Sgt. Freshwater and Pte. Berry had a successful afternoon and Freshwater scored two fine tries and Berry one; Berry also converted two tries.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	O.	Pts.
Royal Engineers	6	6	0	0	12
Royal Artillery	5	3	2	0	6
Middlesex Regt.	6	2	4	0	4
Royal Scots	4	1	2	1	3
Combined S. Units	5	0	4	1	1

BOXING

COMPETITION

THE next Boxing event for the Army will be held at Murray Barracks on April 8, 9 and 10, commencing at 8.30 p.m. each night. April 10 will only be used if there are more than three teams entering.

The event is open to the following Units:

- Royal Artillery.
- Royal Engineers.
- 2nd Bn., The Royal Scots.
- 1st Bn., The Middlesex Regt.
- Combined Small Units.



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Saints' defence could not cope with the machine-like movements of the Chinese forwards and the intermediate-line were continually over worked and drawn out of position. Hussain at right back was the outstanding defender for the losers while Guy, in the pivotal position, put in much hard work. Castilho did well in his position while D. Leonard was not so prominent on the left. MacDonald tried hard in the forward line while both Santos and Gomes were seen in good movements which came to nothing against the strong Chinese defence.

Sammy Tsang played a sound game in Saints' goal and saved many good shots particularly in the first half.

South China played well and Lee Wai-tong led the line in fine style sending his forwards away with good passes and being dangerous when in possession. Chau Man-chi was again the main schemer while Chan Tak-fai was a thrustful forward. Lee Shek-yau was not so much in the picture as he had the attention of Castilho and Hussain but Lee Tak-kee was left too much alone by Leonard.

Lam Tak-po was prominent in the intermediate-line while Tsang Chum-wan and Tse Kam-hung were sound at back. Tam Kwan-kwon did not have very much to do in goal.

Saints Score First

The game started with a surprise when the Saints scored through a penalty in the first minute, Guy making no mistake from the "spot."

South China were awarded a penalty from which Lee Wai-tong equalised soon after and five minutes later Chan Tak-fai netted with a well-placed drive. Thereafter, South China were mostly on the offensive with sporadic raids by the Saints. Before the interval Lee Wai-tong increased the lead from the another penalty.

On resumption, it was apparent that the overworked Saints' defence would not be able to stand up to the strain. After a few minutes play Chau Man-chi found the net.

Further goals by Lee Tak-kee, Lee Shek-yau and Chan Tak-fai completed the rout.

ST. JOSEPH'S.—Sammy Tsang; Hussain. Bowen; Castilho, Guy, Leonard; Roach, Santos, MacDonald, Gomes and Flanders.

SOUTH CHINA: Tam Kwan-kwon; Tsang Chung-wan, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-chai, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang; Lee Tak-kee, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Chau Man-chi and Lee Shek-yau.

BRITAIN WINS YACHTING EVENT

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday conducted the Second Scandinavian Cup Race, which resulted in a win for Britain against Scandinavia by 39 points to 33. Britain won the morning event 21-15 and tied 18-18 in the afternoon event.

The members of Britain's crews were Messrs. P. S. M. Sedgwick, J. L. Anderson, L. C. Baker, D. G. Allen, H. W. Browne, L. O'N. Thomson, T. C. Fairbairn, K. M. A. Barnett, M. I. de Ville, G. G. Wood, H. C. Taylor, and W. A. Johnson. Their Scandinavian opponents were Messrs. S. K. Heiberg, O. Fingelsen, K. Wilkens, J. Johnsen, S. Stalkland, J. V. Christensen, S. Berg, J. Krogh, Moe, L. Onstad, H. Herschend, N. O. Christensen, and N. W. Smeby.

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following are the soccer fixtures for the week ending, March 30:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

First Division

Club	v	Middlesex
(Club, 5.00 p.m.)		
Referee:—Omar.		
Linesmen:—King Ka-pui & Edwards.		

Second Division

South China	v	Service Corps
(Caroline Hill, 5 p.m.)		
Referee:—Adams.		
30th R.A.	v	Sing Tao
(St. Joseph's, 5 p.m.)		
Referee:—Copsey.		
Kwong Wah	v	Navy
(Boundary Street, 5 p.m.)		
Referee:—Carley.		

Third Division

36th R.A.	v	12th R.A.
(Stanley, 3 p.m.)		
Referee:—Thorley.		

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

First Division

Sing Tao	v	Club
(Club, 4.30 p.m.)		
Referee:—Glover.		
Linesmen:—Copsey and Frazer.		
Police	v	Royal Scots
(Boundary Street, 4.30 p.m.)		
Referee:—Beard.		
Linesmen:—Wanser and Taylor.		

Second Division

Engineers	v	Kit Chee
(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)		
Referee:—Wilson.		
Kwong Wah	v	Service Corps
(Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.)		
Referee:—Deeminec.		
Police	v	Sing Tao
(Boundary Street, 3 p.m.)		
Referee:—Emmons.		
Ordnance	v	Middlesex
(Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.)		
Referee:—Fraser.		
Navy	v	South China
(Causeway Bay, 3 p.m.)		
Referee:—Baker.		
Club	v	30th R.A.
(Club, 3 p.m.)		
Referee:—Barretto.		

Third Division

24th R.A.	v	Signals
(St. Joseph's, 3 p.m.)		
Referee:—Edwards.		
Air Force	v	International
(Chatham Road, 3 p.m.)		
Referee:—Williamson.		
7th R.A.	v	36th R.A.
(Military, 3 p.m.)		
Referee:—Banham.		
12th R.A.	v	Shell
(Military, 4.30 p.m.)		
Referee:—King Ka-pui.		
20th R.A.	v	Medicals
(Chatham Road, 4.30 p.m.)		
Referee:—Lee Bing-tong.		
A.S.A.	v	Engineers
(Kowloon, 3 p.m.)		
Referee:—Fike.		

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Governor's Cup Competition

H.K.F.A.	v	H.K.C.A.A.F.
(Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.)		
Referee:—Marie.		
Linesmen:—Omar and Ford.		

As the local football season is nearing its conclusion, "Judge's" football problems and answers have now been discontinued. This feature will probably be continued at the commencement of next season.

GUNNERS B. AT ORDNANCE

In the Semi-Final of the Small Units Knock-Out Cricket Competition at Sookunpoo yesterday, 5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery defeated Royal Army Ordnance by 62 runs.

Scores:—

R.A.

Gnr. Dobbinson, b Boocock	19
Bdr. Barsby, b Boocock	24
Lieut. T. A. Pearce, l.b.w., b Boocock	8
Lieut. Plummer, c Emberson, b Haskins	1
Lieut. J. L. C. Pearce c and b Emberson	27
Lieut. Clague, c Roberts, b Boocock	31
Lieut. Sidders, c Roberts, b Emberson	1
Gnr. Martin, c Pinder, b Emberson	8
Sgt. Morgan, b Boocock	4
Gnr. McCaddon, c Stoner, b Emberson	4
Gnr. Baker, not out	0
Extras (W1, B5)	6
Totals	133

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Boocock	14	3	52	5
Emberson	9	0	53	4
Haskins	6	0	22	1

R.A.O.C.

L/Cpl. Stonor, l.b.w., b T. A. Pearce	11
L/Cpl. Pinder, st, b T. A. Pearce	27
L/Cpl. Reynolds, c T. A. Pearce, b Clague	0
S/Cdr. Gardner, c Clague, b T. A. Pearce	0
Sgt. Munton, c Clague, b T. A. Pearce	13
Pte. Barnes, c J. L. C. Pearce, b T. A. Pearce	0
S/Sgt. Emberson, b T. A. Pearce	11
Sgt. Boocock, b T. A. Pearce	0
L/Cpl. Roberts, l.b.w., b Barsby	0
Pte. Merrick, b T. A. Pearce	0
Sgt. Haskins, not out	9
Extras (B8)	9
Totals	71

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Clague	8	1	19	1
Plummer	4	1	8	0
T. A. Pearce	8	3	30	8
Barsby	5	1	5	1

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Following are to-day's Badminton Championship fixtures:—

AT KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB

Mixed Doubles

P. Wong and Miss M. R'beiro v J. Odell and Miss J. Choa (7 p.m.).

P. K. Hool and Miss U. Khoo v J. J. Remedios and Mrs. Silva (9 p.m.).

Senior Singles

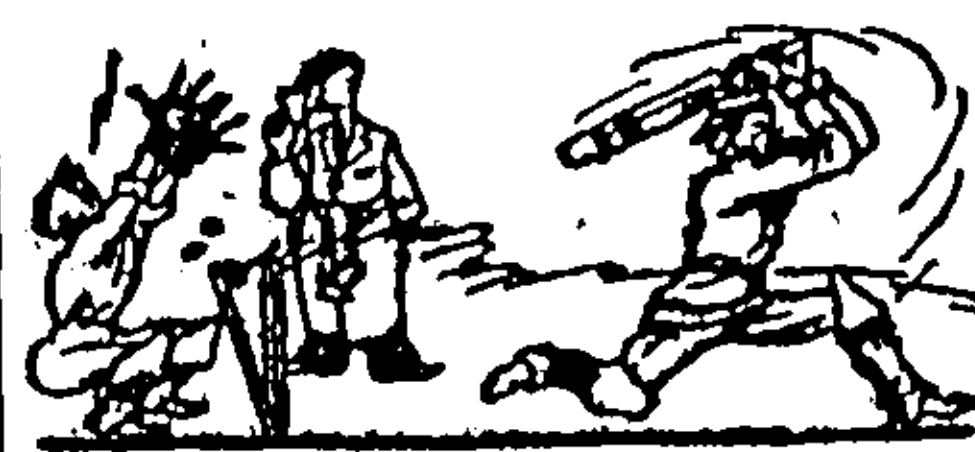
C. Au v F. Koh (7.30 p.m.).

Junior Singles

R. M. Lavalie v Peter Lo (9.45 p.m.).

Men's Senior Doubles

S. Amplavanar and C. K. Cheah v M. P. and Y. P. Yoo Ng (8.15 p.m.).



K.C.C. LOSE BY 4 WICKETS

At Cox's Road yesterday, Kowloon Cricket Club lost to a Dr. L. T. Ride's eleven by 4 wickets in a friendly cricket match.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB

T. A. Madar, c J. M. Gosano, b Perry	11
D. J. N. Anderson, b Mahmood	72
E. F. Fincher, c Perry, b Mahmood	23
A. Zimmermann, c Day, b Mahmood	0
E. C. Fincher, b Perry	0
N. D. Lloyd, run out	12
S. A. Gray, b Logan	12
I. R. Burch, c and b Ride	1
J. R. Luke, c Perry, c Ride	7
R. J. Fenton, not out	17
H. Brokenshire, b Day	0
Extras (B7)	7
Totals	162

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Perry	12	1	30	2
Mahmood	14	3	67	3
L. C. Gosano	2	0	6	0
C. N. Gosano	2	0	21	0
Logan	2	0	15	1
Ride	2	0	16	2
Day	6	0	0	1

DR. L. T. RIDE'S XI

C. Logan, c Gray, b Anderson	45
J. M. Gosano, l.b.w., b Fenton	4
L. C. Gosano, b Lloyd	4
G. N. Gosano, c Lloyd, b Anderson	10
K. J. Attwell, not out	63
E. Zimmermann, c E. C. Fincher, b Anderson	3
R. H. Griffiths, b Lloyd	12
A. E. Perry, not out	12
Extras (B3, LB1)	4
Totals (for 6 wts.)	166

D. G. Day, L. T. Ride and S. Mahmood did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Fenton	6	1	20	1
Lloyd	12	0	56	2
Anderson	11	4	59	3
Burch	3	0	27	0

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

Open Singles

R. E. Guest v Pang Of-lam (1).

George Choa v T. J. Gould (7).

Open Doubles

Lieut. J. S. Theobald and Capt. P. J. Skipwith v I. M. A. Razaok and A. R. Minu (3); Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher (5); M. Pagh and Lieut. Shields Goodman v Ho Ka-lau and K. H. Yip (8).

Club Championship

T. A. Pearce v C. H. R. Oxlade (6).

Club Handicap Doubles

A. K. Mackenzie and A. C. I. Bowker (—3/6) v E. R. Childo and S. L. Maughan (—2/6) (4); H. E. Waller and E. S. Hall (plus 3/6) v R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (—3/6) (2).



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CASH SWEEP RESULTS

Following were the results of cash sweeps at the Fanling Races yesterday.

RACE 1		
No. 888	\$814.52	
666	232.72	
92	116.36	
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		
Nos. 668, 894		
RACE 2		
No. 1207	\$606.14	
1508	173.18	
395	86.59	
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		
Nos. 842, 339, 110, 17, 465, 216, 675, 1180, 852		
RACE 3		
No. 634	\$978.42	
105	279.55	
591	139.78	
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		
Nos. 81, 805, 711, 165		
RACE 4		
No. 5045	\$24,943.46	
43964	7,126.71	
4269	3,563.35	
Unplaced ponies (\$494.91 each):		
Nos. 19170, 21705, 12416, 15238, 51857, 23916, 45346, 29213		
RACE 5		
No. 260	\$1,094.01	
829	312.58	
913	156.29	
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		
Nos. 596, 799, 228		
RACE 6		
No. 170	\$1,050.55	
268	300.16	
99	150.08	
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		
Nos. 356, 1114, 90, 334, 114		

FANLING RACE RESULTS

Following are the results of yesterday racing at Fanling:—

1.—**SHAMROCK HANDICAP.** Flat race for Australian ponies, "D" Class. Seven furlongs. J. B. Harrison's Schmetterling, 145 lb. (G. Treverton) 1. A.H.P.'s Dick Turpin, 148 lb. (H. J. A. Hearne) 2. I.M.M.F.'s A Good Time, 145 lb. (S. L. Yuen) 3. Won by Half a Length and short head. Time: 1:39. Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$65. Places, 1st \$18.90; 2nd \$19.60. Also ran:—Colorado Star, and Violet Queen.

2.—**DUBLIN HANDICAP.** Flat race for China ponies, "E" Class. Six furlongs. Graye's Dow-Jones, 135 lb. (S. L. Yuen) 1. Lo Kwong-to's Heddon, 140 lb. (H. S. Chang) 2. C. & L.'s Gallant Marshal, 135 lb. (S. W. Pan) 3. Won by Two lengths; a head. Time: 1:35.4. Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$140.90. Places, 1st \$33.70; 2nd \$24.30; 3rd \$41.60. Also ran:—Arabian Cat, Lancashire Chap, Lucky Eleven, National Liberty, National Success, Palmer, Plain View, Radium Star, and Zero.

3.—**FANLING GRAND NATIONAL AND PIERCE GROVE MEMORIAL CUP.** Steeplechase for China ponies, 1 3/4 miles. W. T. Stanton's March Brown, 151 lb. (T. W. Chattey) 1. J. Feiden's Viber, 170 lb. (J. Feiden) 2. Mrs. Beryl Skipworth's Double Chance, 147 lb. (T. G. Treverton) 3. Won by Half a Length; Many lengths. Time: 4:16. Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$17.40. Places, 1st \$5.70; 2nd \$5.70; 3rd \$6.40. Also ran:—Chubby Number, Mac's Second Venture, Soldier of China and Three Farthings.

4.—**HUNTERS CUP.** Flat race for China ponies "D" Class. Seven furlongs. W. T. Stanton's Royal Wedding Eve, 159 lb. (W. H. S. Davis) 1. A. H. P.'s Sylvandale, 143 lb. (H. J. A. Hearne) 2. Sunnyside's King's Worthy, 143 lb. (P. Wei) 3. Won by two lengths; Two lengths. Time: 1:49.2. Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$8.80. Places, 1st \$5.90; 2nd \$6.90; 3rd \$8.30. Also ran:—Chatterbox, Oomph, Royal Highness, The Tigress, and West Lake.

5.—**GOVERNOR'S CUP AND AUSTRALIAN GRAND NATIONAL.** Steeplechase handicap for Australian ponies, Two miles. G. Treverton's Brutus, 168 lb. (Treverton) 1. S. T. Williamson's Sea Urchin, 161 lb. (C. L. Gregory) 2. Capt. H. Marsh's Kiola, 145 lb.

RUGBY

A friendly Rugby game between fifteens captained by A. F. Walkden and Lieut. Carter, R.N., was played on the Navy ground on Saturday, resulting in a victory for Walkden's XV by three goals (15 points) to a goal (5 points).

(J. Barrow) 3
Won by Many length; Many lengths. Time: 4:14.3.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$6.50. Places, 1st \$6; 2nd \$6.50; 3rd \$10.20.

Also ran:—Glorious Star, Spark Plug, and Teviotdale.
6.—**DUBLIN CONSOLATION CUP.** Flat race for China ponies, "E" Class. Half mile. Lee Bros's Lancashire Chap, 141 lb. (S. W. Lee) 1. Lo Kwong-to's Heddon, 145 lb. (H. Chang) 2. Miss Fearon's Palmer, 151 lb. (T. W. Chattey) 3.

Won by A neck; Two lengths. Time: 1:01.1.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$43.10. Places, 1st \$9.60; 2nd \$9.70; 3rd \$10.40.
Also ran:—Arabian Cat, Gallant Marshal, Lucky Eleven, Radium Star, and Zero.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

CRICKET

Kowloon Cricket Club seem almost certain to retain the Senior League cricket championship as the result of Craigengower's defeat by Indian Recreation Club by 125 runs on Saturday.

Several friendly matches were played on Saturday and the following were the best performances.

BATTING

Murphy	57
G. N. Gosano	53
Lieut. Plummer	53
K. M. Baxter	51
F. J. Remedios	41
A. R. Sufflad	34
A. H. Madar	33
A. R. Minu	32
T. A. Madar	31
R. G. Wildblood	31
J. E. Richardson	30

BOWLING

H. L. Ozorio	7 for 75
Dixon	6 for 13
A. R. Minu	6 for 20
Coombes	5 for 36
West	5 for 70
Murphy	4 for 16
Sgt. Denyer	4 for 17
E. Mazuza	4 for 25
Barton	4 for 29
A. H. Madar	4 for 30

FOOTBALL

The sensational win of Navy over Eastern in the Semi-final of the Senior Shield and the overwhelming victory of Kowloon over Police in First Division were the outstanding features of Saturday's football programme. A number of league games were played and some big scores registered during the afternoon. The positions of the leading teams in Second and Third Division are not changed.

RACING

Excellent sport was provided at the First Extra Race Meeting on Saturday which was held in brilliant weather.

Endeavour provided the biggest upset by winning the Melbourne cup and paying \$150.90 for a win.

WILDCATS WIN TITLE

Two championships were decided in the Soft Ball League when Wildcats beat Canadian Chinese in the Ladies' league by 9 runs to 7 and V.R.C. trounced Chung Wah by 16-3 in the play off for the junior title.

Following were yesterday's softball results:

GIRLS	
Wahoos	13 Panthers 7
Wildcats	9 Canadian C. 7
MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE	
Cyclones	3 Chinese 9
Mohawks	10 Canadian C. 1
JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAY-OFF	
V.R.C.	16 Chung Hwa 3

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CAIRO OFFER OF AID TO YUGOSLAVIA

SOME FACTORS which should encourage Yugoslavia to stand firm in face of the German demands, were indicated by British official circles in Cairo yesterday.

It was declared that the action of the three Yugoslav Ministers who resigned as a protest against the Government's majority vote in favour of the German terms, will be applauded in Yugoslavia as a whole, and the Yugoslav Government can take this popular feeling into account.

Another element which cannot fail to be considered is the recent conversation between the British and Turkish Foreign Ministers at Cyprus, which, as was stressed both in Cairo and

Ankara, re-emphasised the complete Anglo-Turkish identity of views.

The Yugoslav Government also is doubtless taking into account the help in material and munitions and naval and air support which Britain is giving Greece and on which Yugoslavia would likewise be able to call if attacked by Germany.

The Yugoslav Government must also have observed signs of a growing conviction in Germany that the military hazards of a Balkan campaign are greatly increased by the growing Italian difficulties in East Africa.

ALL THESE CONSIDERATIONS SUGGEST VERY CLEARLY THE COURSE WHICH HER OWN INTEREST AND THOSE OF HER NEIGHBOURS DEMAND IS FOR YUGOSLAVIA TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLES OF GREECE AND TURKEY AND STAND FIRM BEFORE GERMAN THREATS. —REUTER.

KING'S MESSAGE TO PLYMOUTH

THE KING WHO, WITH THE QUEEN, VISITED PLYMOUTH THE DAY BEFORE THE FIRST OF THE TWO SUCCESSIVE NIGHT RAIDS, HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO VISCOUNTESS ASTOR, LADY MAYOR OF PLYMOUTH:—

"Whatever the people of Plymouth may be called on to suffer, we feel quite certain that the spirit of the West Country will rise above it." —Reuter.



The Generals in salutation. Photograph taken at Queen's Pier on the departure of General Norton, who is bidding good-bye to General Graet.

SHORTAGE OF FOOD BEGINS IN BULGARIA

Butter, vegetable oils and lard will be rationed in Bulgaria next week and cards for that purpose will be issued to the populace, states a Sofia report quoted by Moscow radio yesterday.

A shortage of food-stuffs, Moscow radio added, is now notable in the Bulgarian capital, where beef is almost unobtainable and the sale of bread rigorously restricted. —Reuter.

N.Z. SHARE IN WAR EFFORT

AS A RESULT OF THE DELEGATION OF NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE EASTERN GROUP CONFERENCE IN NEW DELHI, A SPECIALLY SELECTED GROUP OF BRITISH TECHNICIANS HAS EXAMINED THE INDUSTRIAL POSSIBILITIES OF NEW ZEALAND, WITH A VIEW TO ASSISTING THE EMPIRE WAR EFFORT REQUIREMENTS OVERSEA AS WELL AS THE DEFENCE OF THE DOMINION.

These experts are reporting their findings to the British Government who, it is expected, will in due course establish a programme suitable for fulfilment by New Zealand.

Meanwhile every week sees a greater development of New Zealand's war effort.

A number of engineering firms are producing war material of various kinds.

Government workshops are busy making Bren gun carriers and 3-inch mortars. The output of small arms ammunition will shortly be doubled to meet the requirements of New Zealand's armed forces.

War material for the Navy is also in an advanced stage of production. Minesweepers are being constructed in Auckland to meet the immediate requirements of the Navy. —Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

The Shanghai exchange market was disorganised at the opening this morning as a result of a London cable stating that negotiations are proceeding to prevent sterling help to the Stabilisation Fund from feeding the Shanghai market, which is the main remaining loophole in the sterling exchange control.

No rates were available at the opening, with the dollar nominally valued at 3-7/32d.

Securities, gold bars and commodities generally were sharply higher. —Reuter.



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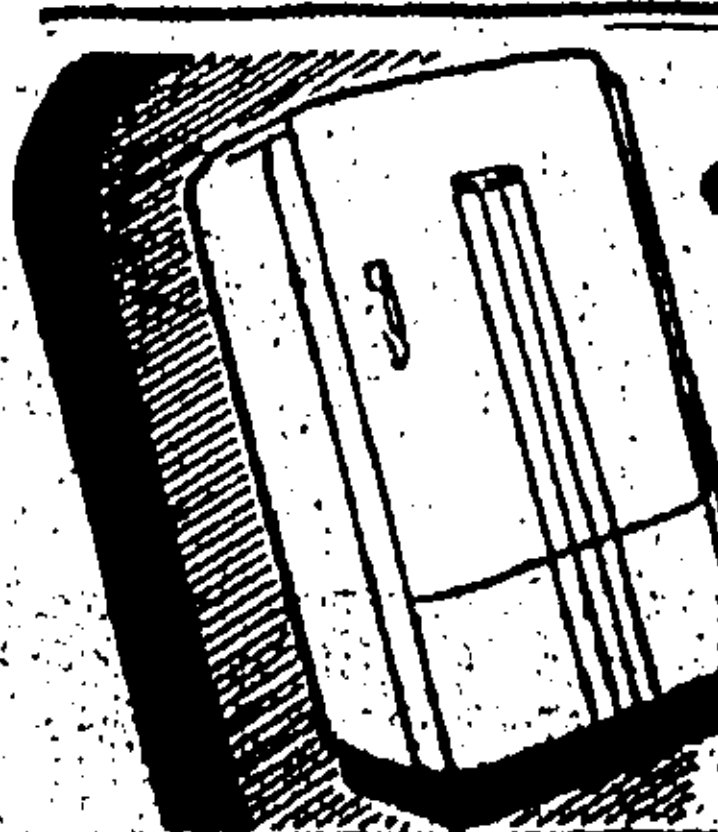
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RESPITE FROM AIR RAIDS OVER BRITAIN

ITALIANS HASTILY DIGGING IN

Following the failure of their big offensive the Italians are now "digging themselves in" frantically on the Albanian front, according to statements by prisoners quoted by Athens radio last night.

Bewildered Italian officers strive desperately to reorganise their scattered forces.

Earthworks are being hastily thrown up along positions in front of Tepelini, to which the Italians were thrown back by the Greeks in disorder.

Meanwhile fighting is now on a small scale though on both sides artillery is active. — Reuter.

DECLARATION ON WAR IN ANY LANGUAGE

"This country is to-day at war against the Axis powers," declares the "Atlanta Constitution."

"WE ARE EMPHATICALLY FURNISHING ARMS TO A WARRIOR AND THEREBY ARE AS MUCH A PART OF THE WAR EFFORT AS WORKERS IN ARMS FACTORIES IN BRITAIN HERSELF."

"This nation isn't likely to enter the war as an active belligerent. If necessary the people will without question approve such a course."

The "Tampa (Florida) Tribune" declares "Now that we are in the war, since the passage of the Lease and Lend Act, it is urgent that everybody exert his utmost effort to help win it."

"The words of the President put the dictatorships on notice that we are going to do everything we can to help beat them — and that's a declaration of war in any language." — Reuter.

N.Z. MEAT EXPORTS TO BE REDUCED

New Zealand's exports of meat will be drastically cut as a result of British Government decisions based on the shipping position.

The New Zealand Government has decided that New Zealand freezing works shall, from today, accept for freezing for export only lamb, prime beef and pork up to 120 lbs. — Reuter.

Two Bombers Shot Down During Thin Daylight Visits

NAZI U-BOAT BASE IN BRITTANY DESTROYED

Coastal Command aircraft paid a visit to the French coast yesterday morning, destroyed a German barrack block at the port of Quiberon, the submarine base in Brittany, and scored a direct hit on an enemy escort vessel near Brest.

No British aircraft are missing from these operations, adds the Air Ministry communique. — Reuter.

TWO GERMAN BOMBERS WERE DESTROYED OVER BRITAIN YESTERDAY, ALTHOUGH ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY WAS BUT SLIGHT THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

One of two German raiders who were attempting to bomb a ship at anchor in the north of Scotland had its tail shot off by anti-aircraft guns and crashed in flames.

Another German bomber was shot down by British fighters in the south of England.

A number of German planes approached a south-west England town in the morning but were driven off by heavy gunfire.

Many people coming from church watched while the battle was in progress.

The destruction of two enemy bombers was confirmed in an Air Ministry communique, which recorded little enemy activity over the country during the day.

Single aircraft were reported to have dropped bombs near the Channel coast and at a point in northern Scotland. Little damage and few casualties were caused. — Reuter.

IF ENGLAND FALLS....

"If England falls there will be no freedom for the people of England nor for the people of Ireland."

This statement was made by Senator Joseph O'Mahoney, of Wyoming, in a speech before a charitable Irish Society in Boston.

He added: "It would be necessary for the people of America to assure for ten generations the burden of armament so that the dictators shan't be permitted to

NO NIGHT RAIDS FOR SECOND NIGHT

For the second successive night no enemy raiders were reported over Britain after darkness last night. — Reuter.

MALTA BEATS OFF RAIDERS

At least three enemy bombers were destroyed and others damaged in raids on Malta at the week-end.

Two enemy losses are officially confirmed.

The enemy planes came over in a large formation escorted by fighters but were chased out to sea by British fighters.

ONE BRITISH FIGHTER WAS SHOT DOWN BY A MESSERSCHMIDT WHICH, IN TURN, WAS DESTROYED BY ANOTHER BRITISH AIRCRAFT. — REUTER.

strike down liberties and institutions which Irishmen everywhere revere." — Reuter.

BRITISH FORCE ASTRIDE ABYSSINIA CROSS-ROADS

THE IMPORTANCE OF NEGHELLI, WHICH HAS JUST BEEN CAPTURED BY BRITISH TROOPS, LIES IN THE FACT THAT IT DOMINATES THE CROSSROAD LEADING TO NORTH, EAST AND WEST.

The Imperial forces are now in a position to strike due north in the direction of Addis Ababa, about 275 miles away.

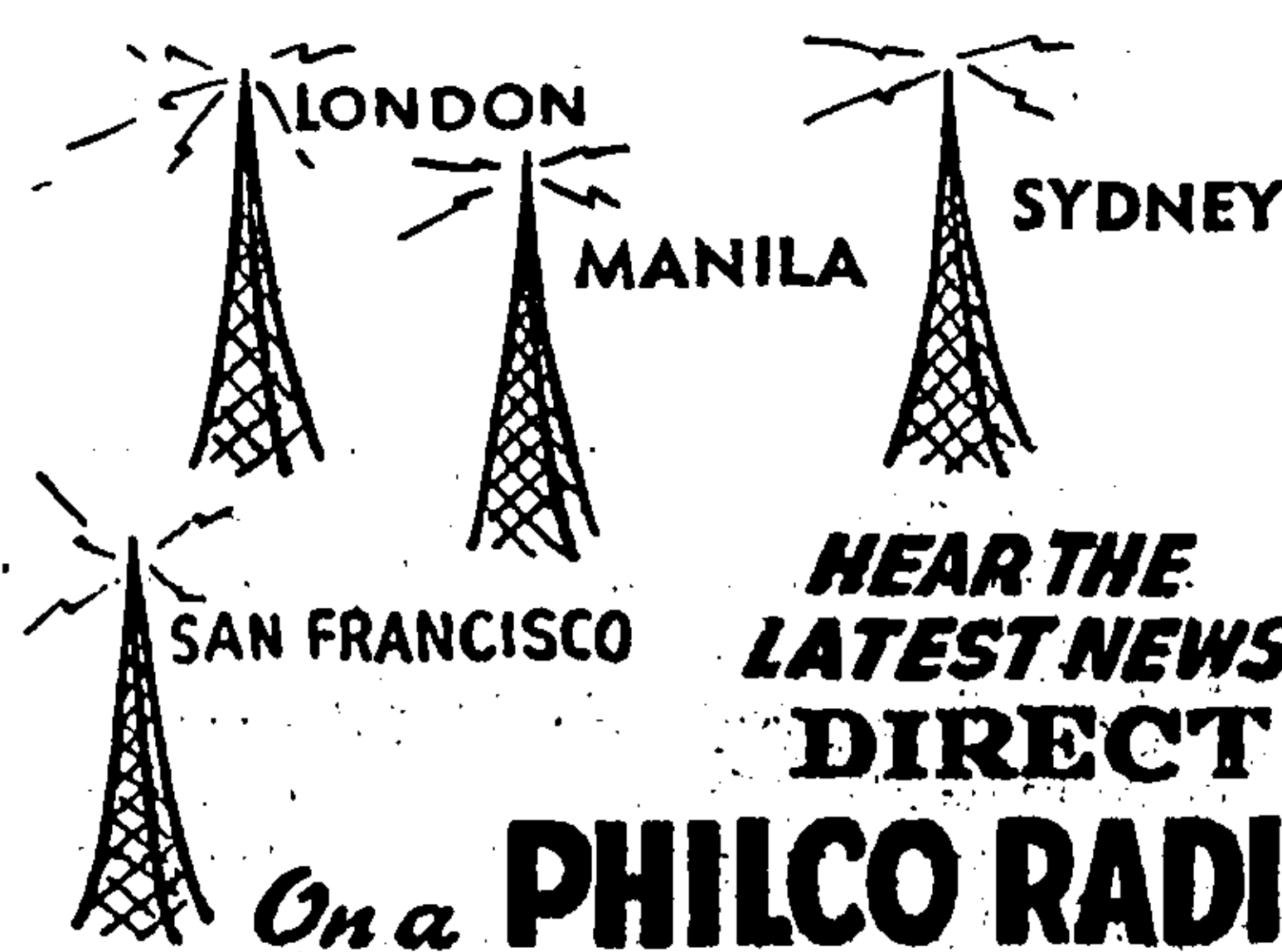
The country is low-lying and a track running through the valleys would enable the British forces to make fairly unhampered progress, according to a military expert in London yesterday.

The fall of Neghelli is a particularly bitter blow to Graziani, who was given the title Marquis of Neghelli in recognition of his rapid advance when Italy invaded Abyssinia. Meanwhile, intense patrol activity plays a large part in the British siege methods round Keren (Ethiopia).

When a British patrol encountered an enemy force in the neighbourhood of one fort they summoned artillery support.

The British guns promptly opened fire, aided by which the British party inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and took 130 prisoners, all without loss to themselves.

An example of the courage and endurance of the Imperial troops is furnished by two Indian machine-gunners who were lost on a mountain peak but, when found by a British patrol 48 hours later, were still manning their post. — Reuter.



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Matsuoka Affirms Policy Of The Tripartite Alliance

CLANDESTINE NAZI MEETING IN SANTIAGO

A clandestine conference in Santiago of the German Ambassadors to Argentina, Chile and Peru has deeply disturbed public opinion in Peru, according to a Lima despatch.

The despatch quotes a press demand that the Peruvian Government should "investigate what plot was hatched at Santiago."—Reuter.

GERMANY'S AMBASSADOR TURNS UP LATE!

MEMBERS OF THE diplomatic missions of all countries which so far have adhered to the Three-Power Pact met Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, on his arrival in Moscow yesterday afternoon, en route to Berlin.

The Soviet Government was represented, among others, by M. Lozovsky, Vice-Foreign Minister, and M. Parapkin, head of the Japanese Department of the Foreign Commissariat.

The German Ambassador, von der Schulenberg, arrived late. He apologised to Mr. Matsuoka in English.

Mr. Matsuoka will pay a courtesy call on M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, to-day, and leaves for Berlin and Rome to-night.

Japanese circles in Moscow indicate he is expected to return via Moscow on April 16. The crowd at the station platform yesterday had a long wait, for the Japanese Foreign Minister's arrival was delayed two hours by a blizzard which has been blowing for the past two days.

Mr. Matsuoka, in a press interview, said: "The fundamental interests of nations decide their policy in the long run, but peace or war may sometimes be decided by personal acquaintance."

He then recalled he was invited during a telephone call from Ribbentrop to visit the Axis capitals after the signature of the Tri-Partite Pact last September.

Pact As The Pivot

Mr. Matsuoka mentioned he had a lengthy conversation with Mussolini eight years ago and also met Count Ciano in Shanghai, but had had no chance of making the acquaintance of German leaders.

He continued: "The foreign policy of Japan will revolve round the Tri-Partite Pact as pivot. It is natural for me, as Japanese Foreign Minister who helped conclude the pact, to visit the German leaders."

"I have no particular aim in mind in coming to Europe. I may have a chance to make personal observation on the situation in Western Europe and especially of the war now going on."

Mr. Matsuoka said he had no hard and fixed itinerary but did not want to be absent from Japan longer than six weeks.

Soviet Courtesy

He had been shown every possible courtesy in Moscow. He would like on his way back to stop in Moscow and see the Soviet leaders too.

Mr. Matsuoka stated that no tour of the Western battlefields was yet included in his programme but he would like to see them if he had time.—Reuter.

BELGIANS STILL FIGHTING

BELGIAN FIGHTER PILOTS NOW SERVING WITH THE ROYAL AIR FORCE HAVE GAINED A NUMBER OF VICTORIES RECENTLY AGAINST GERMAN AIRCRAFT ATTEMPTING RAIDS ON BRITAIN.

Since they came over to England, when the Nazis invaded their country, the Belgians have destroyed at least 18 enemy aircraft, with only a few casualties to themselves.



General Smuts, photographed on his arrival in Kenya for a tour of inspection of the South African forces.

SEEING THE BLITZ FROM A NEW ANGLE

TO SPEND EVEN a day or two with A.A. gunners is to see the aerial blitz from a new angle, writes a London correspondent.

During a visit I have just paid to a gun crew in the West I found myself commiserating with gun crews who had watched the heavens for a cold month without so much as seeing a single German aeroplane, and rejoicing with the lucky ones who count on going into action at least twice a week.

While it lasts the operation is intense, but, as a rule, it is over all too soon and the enemy machines have passed into the range of other batteries. Below ground on the gun site and immediately adjoining the gun and the predictor, with its uncanny power of discovering the height, direction, speed and location of an aeroplane and automatically fitting the shell fuse, is the operation room.

Here, on a square chart, the probable course of an aeroplane crossing the Channel is plotted. As it approaches shells scream into the darkness.

The heavy A.A. gunners are convinced to a man that they bring down or wing more machines by far than they are ever credited with. The light batteries have less practice, for they are mainly concerned with 'low-flying' aircraft and dive-bombers.

Community Life

Gunners live a lonely life. Many sites are on hill-tops or far from town or village, and the men have to provide their own entertainment, although occasionally an ENSA concert party visits them.

A large number of young Belgians now in Britain are training to become pilots. Three of their compatriots who have already distinguished themselves in action with the R.A.F. are acting as flying instructors. Soon these young Belgians, too, will be in the air, carrying on the fight against the common enemy in the tradition of Major Willy Coppens, famous Belgian "ace" of the Great War.

The chaplain is a welcome visitor. I heard it said that whatever day he came it was Sunday. He holds a service in a hut, but the moment an alarm sounds everybody runs. One service the other day was interrupted three times in this way, but each time all the men came back.

Most of the gun crews are on duty in the gun pits for two hours and of duty for four, but the period varies. Every man, however, is certain of 24 hours' complete rest each week and 48 hours once a month.

Twenty-four hours is not long enough to enable some of them to get to their homes, but officers arrange with local people to "adopt" the men and provide baths and bed during the rest period. One farmer's widow calls her house "The Garrison."

Not Losing The Cook

The most precious possession of a gun-site or searchlight position is a good cook, and such treasures seem more abundant than one might expect. It was heartening to hear again, "We've got a first-rate cook and we don't mean to lose him."

Of course, there are complaints; there would be something suspicious about a soldier who did not grumble. That most frequently heard concerned the delay of contractors in erecting huts. Too many huts still have only mud floors. In one camp the men, in desperation, had taken the dumped material and erected the hut themselves.

In spite of separation from the outer world and continuous exposure the A.A. gunners are extraordinarily fit.

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SERBIANS AND ARMY HOLD OUT

Widespread Yugoslav Concessions Unlikely

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THE SERBIAN ELEMENT AND THE ARMY LEADERS IN YUGOSLAVIA WILL PREVENT WIDESPREAD CONCESSIONS TO GERMANY, THE TURKISH "ULUS" DECLARED YESTERDAY.

Ankara radio last night broadcast a precis of a long article on Yugoslavia which was published in this newspaper.

The article declares that while the resignation of three Yugoslav Ministers indicates that opposition to surrender has not been entirely successful, those in favour of concessions will not be allowed by the Serbian element and military leaders to go very far.

Yugoslavia knows, it continues, that once foreign legions enter the country, "pledges in black and white will dwindle into scraps of paper."

Hence, it adds, Yugoslavia is continuing to strengthen the army.

THE PAPER SAYS IT CAN BE MOST STRONGLY BELIEVED THAT THE YUGOSLAV ARMY WOULD NOT PERMIT YUGOSLAV TERRITORIES TO BE THE INSTRUMENT OF ANY PLOT AGAINST THE GREEK ARMY.

The announcer concluded: "While German pressure continues on one hand Yugoslav national resistance becomes all the more imminent—especially as the voice of the Yugoslav press is emphatic on the subject of no concessions of national sovereignty and independence."

No Solution Yet

Belgrade reports show that Yugoslavia's political crisis appears to be little nearer a solution despite reports that the posts of the three Serb Ministers, who resigned on Friday as a protest against acceptance of the Nazi terms, have now been filled.

With the critical decision still in the balance, the visit of Yugoslav statesmen to Vienna still hangs fire, though a special train was reported to be standing by during the week-end ready to leave at a moment's notice if required.

Meanwhile, a meeting of the Federation of Reserve Officers of Yugoslavia on Saturday unanimously passed a resolution protesting against any plan to "conclude an agreement not in harmony with our national honour and independence."

Protest To Regent

A protest has been sent to the Regent, Prince Paul, and the Premier.

After passing the resolution the officers broke up their meeting and declined to proceed with other business in order to emphasise their protest.

The Reserve Officers did not disband their organisation, but merely broke off this meeting. — Reuter.

SHELTERS FOR YOUTHS, GIRLS

Special air raid shelters for youths and girls—that's the latest idea of the Ministry of Home Security.

They are to be built in boys' and girls' clubs throughout the country.

Conditions in some public shelters are regarded as undesirable for youth. Social workers have complained that where there is insufficient lighting and control there are "grave moral dangers."

INTENSE AERIAL ACTIVITY

Intense aerial activity in Italian East Africa, in support of army operations, is reported in an R.A.F. communique released in Cairo yesterday.

R.A.F. bombers and fighters repeatedly attacked enemy positions in the Keren area.

The railway station at Asmara was attacked on Saturday and during the raid British fighters engaged a number of Fiat fighters and shot down two in flames.

Three other Fiat fighters were destroyed in the same area by the same squadron on the previous day.

In the Gondar area fires were started among buildings, following an attack by R.A.F. bombers on barracks and warehouses.

Train Burned Out

South African bombers attacked trains on the Djibouti-Addis Ababa railway, destroying at least one train, which burned out after receiving a direct hit from a salvo of bombs.

R.A.F. bombers also machine-gunned trains at Aden and Gota and bombed and machine-gunned a large concentration of enemy motor transport on the road between Urso and Awash, and an enemy position in Marda Pass. — Reuter.

A STUPID TRICK

A PRACTICAL "JOKER" WAS APPARENTLY ABROAD IN KOWLOON THIS MORNING. AT THE EXPENSE OF THE FIRE BRIGADE WHICH RUSHED OUT IN REPLY TO AN ALARM AT 9.45 O'CLOCK.

Reaching the neighbourhood from which the alarm originated, fire fighters found that the glass covering the automatic fire alarm at the junction of Austin and Nathan Roads had been smashed.

NEW VENTURE IN DIPLOMACY

An announcement is expected very soon that China and Australia have decided to enter into normal diplomatic relations with an exchange of Ministers, says the "China Times" in Chungking.

The paper adds that such a step would strengthen the friendly relations and commercial ties between the two nations. — Reuter.

CAIRO OFFER OF AID TO YUGOSLAVIA

SOME FACTORS which should encourage Yugoslavia to stand firm in face of the German demands, were indicated by British official circles in Cairo yesterday.

It was declared that the action of the three Yugoslav Ministers who resigned as a protest against the Government's majority vote in favour of the German terms, will be applauded in Yugoslavia as a whole, and the Yugoslav Government can take this popular feeling into account.

Another element which cannot fail to be considered is the recent conversation between the British and Turkish Foreign Ministers at Cyprus, which, as was stressed both in Cairo and Ankara, re-emphasised the complete Anglo-Turkish identity of views.

The Yugoslav Government also is doubtless taking into account the help in material and munitions and naval and air support which Britain is giving Greece and on which Yugoslavia would likewise be able to call if attacked by Germany.

The Yugoslav Government must also have observed signs of a growing conviction in Germany that the military hazards of a Balkan campaign are greatly increased by the growing Italian difficulties in East Africa.

ALL THESE CONSIDERATIONS SUGGEST VERY CLEARLY THE COURSE WHICH HER OWN INTEREST AND THOSE OF HER NEIGHBOURS DEMAND IS FOR YUGOSLAVIA TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLES OF GREECE AND TURKEY AND STAND FIRM BEFORE GERMAN THREATS. — REUTER.

STOYADINOVICH GOES TO GREECE

M. Milan Stoyadinovich, former Yugoslav Premier, who is now in British hands, received his passport at his own request and left for Greece "at his own free will," declared the official Yugoslav news agency in Belgrade yesterday. — Reuter.

Spain's 'Neutral' Position

Spain's ability to retain a neutral attitude in the present war was given special emphasis in the first official Spanish reference to foreign policy since the passing of the American Lease and Lend Bill.

The Under-Secretary of the Press and Propaganda Ministry in Madrid, Antonio Tovar, who accompanied the Foreign Minister, Senor Suner, to Germany and Italy recently, said yesterday:

"The most serious risks are inherent in our geographical position. We cannot live unarmed or unwatchful."

Senor Tovar added that Spain to-day wanted to emerge from centuries of retirement.

Hitler's present actions recalled those of Napoleon but whereas Napoleon was a scourge for Spain, Hitler was a scourge for those who had reduced Spain to a third-class power—France and England. — Reuter.

WHICH WAY TO TURN?

"Hitler knows that the world knows and that his own people know something has gone wrong and that he has not been winning the war according to schedule," says the "Charlottesville Observer."

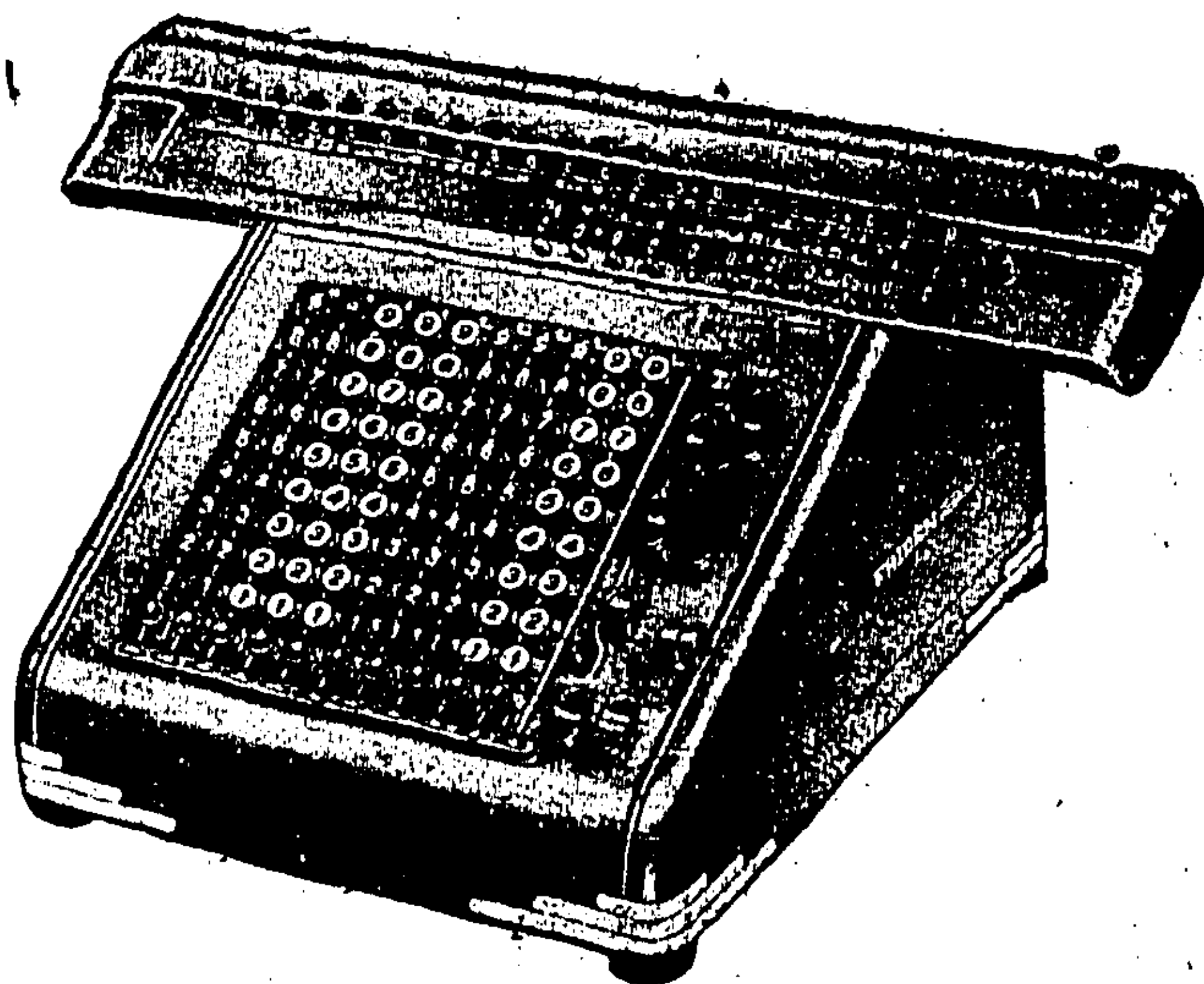
The paper adds: "They know that Great Britain has thwarted his purposes in the British Isles and in Africa and that the Greeks sorely disappointed him in the south-east."

"A large part of the world

knows, and some of his own people may know, that for the last several months he has been acting like a desperate man of thwarted purpose who couldn't decide which way to turn next." — Reuter.

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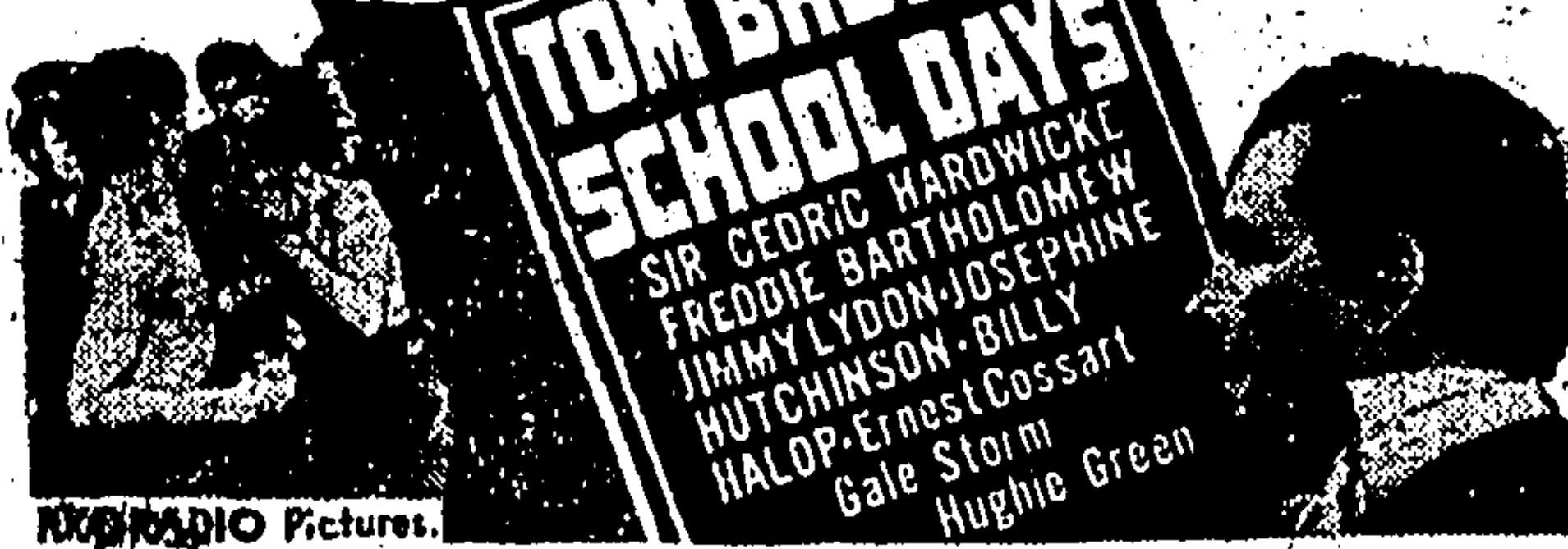
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BRITAIN DEDICATED ANEW TO CRUSADE AGAINST TYRANNY

YESTERDAY WAS observed, by the wish of the King, as a National Day of Prayer, and all over Britain people knelt to dedicate themselves anew to the crusade against tyranny.

The King himself, with the Queen and the Princesses, attended one Service with local residents. There were 1,500 in the Crypt under St. Paul's Cathedral, and thousands of Catholics filed into Westminster Cathedral as Mass was said every half hour throughout the morning.

Millions gathered in churches, chapels and synagogues and Salvation Army citadels. Often they raised their heads in prayer to see scars inflicted by bomb and fire and shattered windows.

In the middle of a North of Scotland Service, nearby guns crashed out and brought down a German bomber. The Service continued amid the din and none of the congregation left.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, BROADCASTING IN THE EVENING, SAID: "HAVE WE NOT REASON TO FEEL EXALTED BY THE THOUGHT THAT IT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US OF THIS GENERATION TO MAINTAIN THE GREATEST CAUSE EVER ENTRUSTED TO THIS NATION?"

Unbroken

"Think of the millions in countries now enslaved by the enemy who are longing for the victory of our arms to bring them deliverance."

"Think of the unbroken unity of will and purpose which binds the whole British nation together and of the cheering successes already won."

Cardinal Hinsley, broadcasting, said: "In this deadly conflict we are pitted against the powers of darkness which have unleashed a satanic campaign against God - against not only the revealed religion of Christ but against natural religion, in which the reason of man may find justice, truth and brotherhood."

"For or against God - that is now the supreme issue of this conflict."

In Empire Also

The King's request that yesterday should be observed as a Day of Prayer was observed in the Empire countries.

Messages state that special services were held in almost every town and village throughout South Africa, while in India prayer in Moslem mosques and Hindu temples joined those in Churches. - Reuter.

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1940 CAVE-DWELLERS

Hundreds of people, many of whom have lost their homes during air raids, now use the caves of a South-East Coast town as their nightly refuge, writes a correspondent.

They are the caves which thousands of summer visitors have toured in peace-time. Legend links them with the smugglers who stored therein wines and silks from the French coast.

The guide who used to conduct tourist parties through the caves now has a full-time job in showing local people to their sleeping bunks, and generally supervising the routine of these subterranean dwellers.

Special sections are reserved for games and recreation.

Some people have "set up house" in the small caves which lay off the main passages. They have brought small pieces of furniture and decorative objects.

A Cooking Range

An all-the-year round temperature of just over 50deg. is maintained down here in the earth and the local council have installed hot and cold water and electric lighting as well as a coal-fire cooking range.

Within easy walking distance is a communal feeding centre, from which many wives bring back dinners to warm up on the range.

The shelterers have established a welfare committee to tackle any health problems which may arise, and there is a health visitor always available.

When I entered the caves during the evening I had the impression of stepping into the noisy fairy-land of a theatrical tableau.

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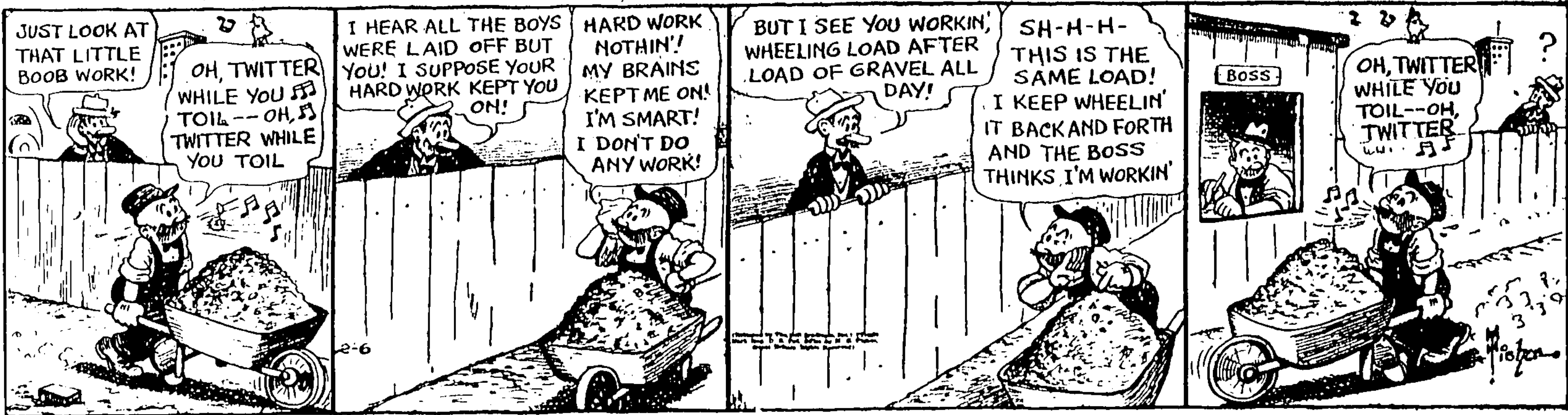
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FIRST OF A MIGHTY HOST

The three Canadian air squadrons — a fighter squadron, an army co-operation squadron and a reserve squadron — now in Great Britain, are but forerunners of a mighty host, according to James S. Duncan, Deputy Air Minister, speaking in Calgary.

"These three squadrons are but the vanguard of a great host of Canadian aviators who will wing into British skies in ever-increasing numbers every month from now until that great day when all our faith and sacrifice will have been vindicated," he said.

Speaking on the progress of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, the Deputy Minister stated that by next September, the Joint Air Plan would reach a point previously not expected to be attained until the spring of 1942. The pace of the Allies "is quickening; our strength is gathering; we are looking forward to the future with faith and confidence and with our chin up. ... 1941 would see them well on the way toward the victory goal," he declared.

LESS SHELL SHOCK IN THIS WAR THAN IN LAST

EXPERIENCE GAINED in the Spanish Civil War is helping the Ministry of Health and the London County Council to combat cases of civilian "bomb shock" and "shelter neurosis."

"British civilians are standing up to war strain magnificently," a Government psychiatrist told a London reporter. "The Spanish war produced 10 times the number of neurosis cases in the same period."

"We had provided for numbers far in excess of those we have had to handle. Despite the nightly blitz, shell-shock, as we used to term it, is much less frequent in this war than it was in the last."

Living conditions have much to do with war nerves. Mind doctors are still fighting the effects of Dunkirk, whereas the great naval actions of this war have produced hardly a single case.

Conditions on board ship are more or less those of the home, while soldiers who were evacuated from Dunkirk spent days on the beaches and sometimes two or three hours in the water.

Corps Of Experts

The work of "mind habilitation" has advanced to such an extent that additions are being

made to the corps of psychiatrists and psychologists who are working at Government and L.C.C. centres all over the country to combat war neurosis.

When the war broke out, the Ministry of Health obtained the advance of a Barcelona psychiatrist, who had two years' experience of the effect of warfare on the civilian mind. In the light of his knowledge and that gained in the last war, a nation-wide network of "mind hospitals" was organised.

This experience shows that treatment must be immediate to be effective. It is to enable victims of fear and anxiety neurosis to be taken in hand before the trouble becomes too deep-seated that this special service is being augmented.

It has been found that one frequent cause of war neurosis is the fear of being thought to be afraid.

War neurosis can also be brought on by an accumulation of minor worries which have only an indirect bearing on war — a feeling of insecurity, breaking up of family life, exacting work in difficult circumstances, and travelling discomforts.

Value Of Work

Research over a fair period shows that wardens, fire watchers, A. F. S. men and women, and other civil defence workers are far less prone to war neurosis than those who sit idly during an air raid.

Insufficient air and light in blacked-out rooms or shelters is a further cause of neurosis.

HER FAVOURITE 'PLANE

That the youth of both sexes is becoming increasingly air-minded is shown by letters sent to the Air Ministry Information Bureau by young admirers of the R.A.F.

Here is one recently received from Welwyn Garden City:—"Please could you send me a picture of the 'Hamden' bomber as it is my favourite 'plane. I want it because I want it for my R.A.F. scrap book my age is 11."

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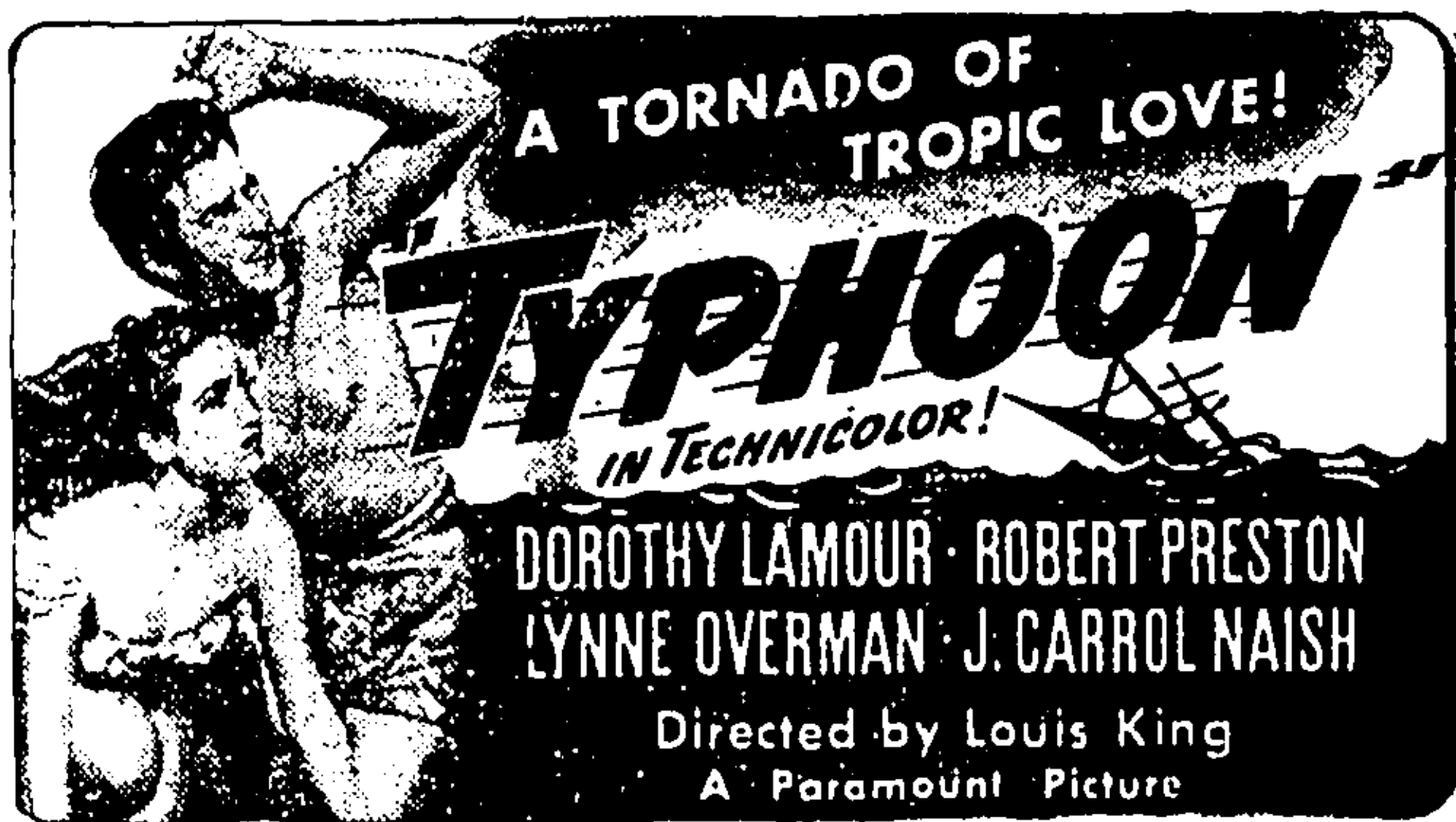
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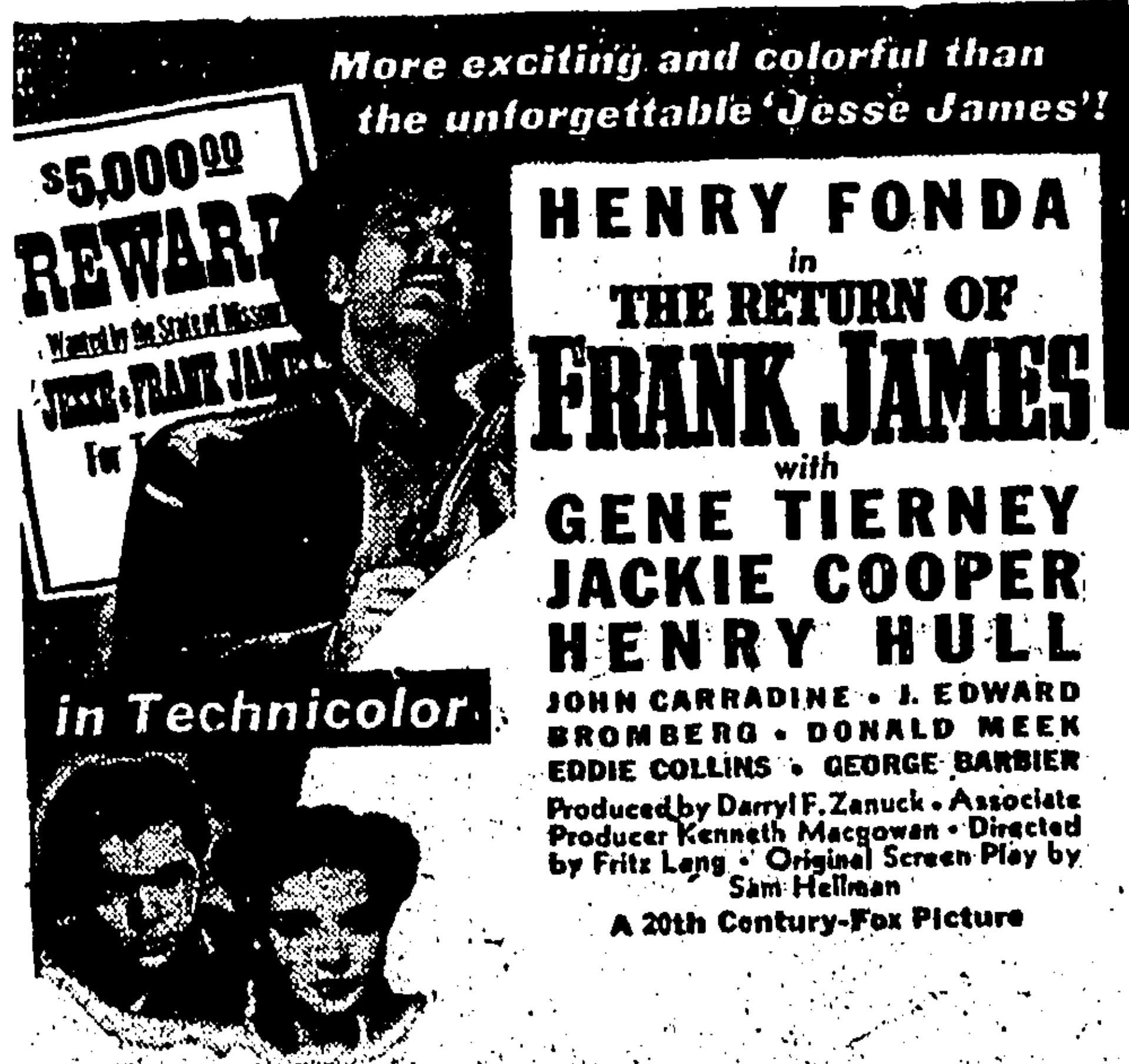
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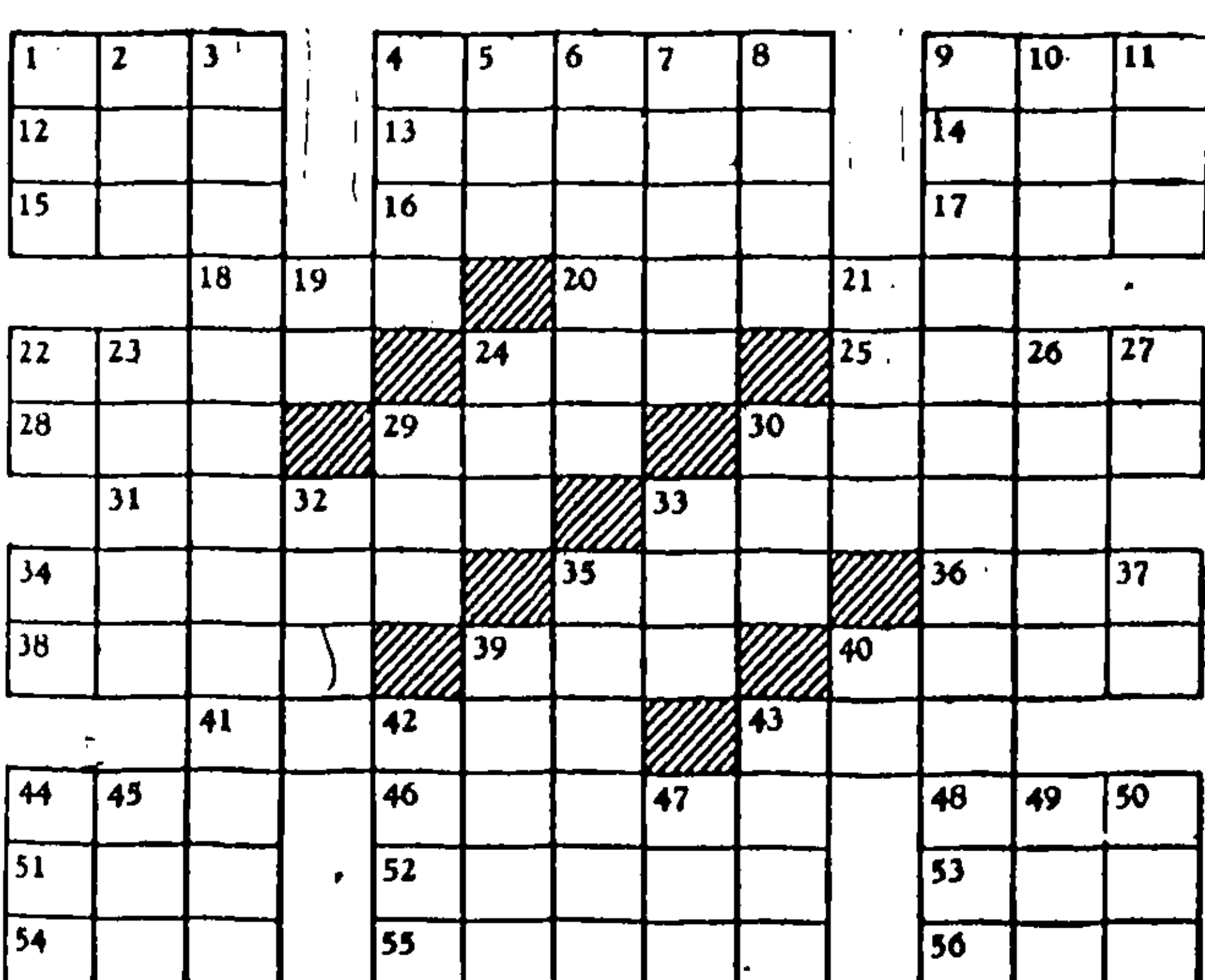
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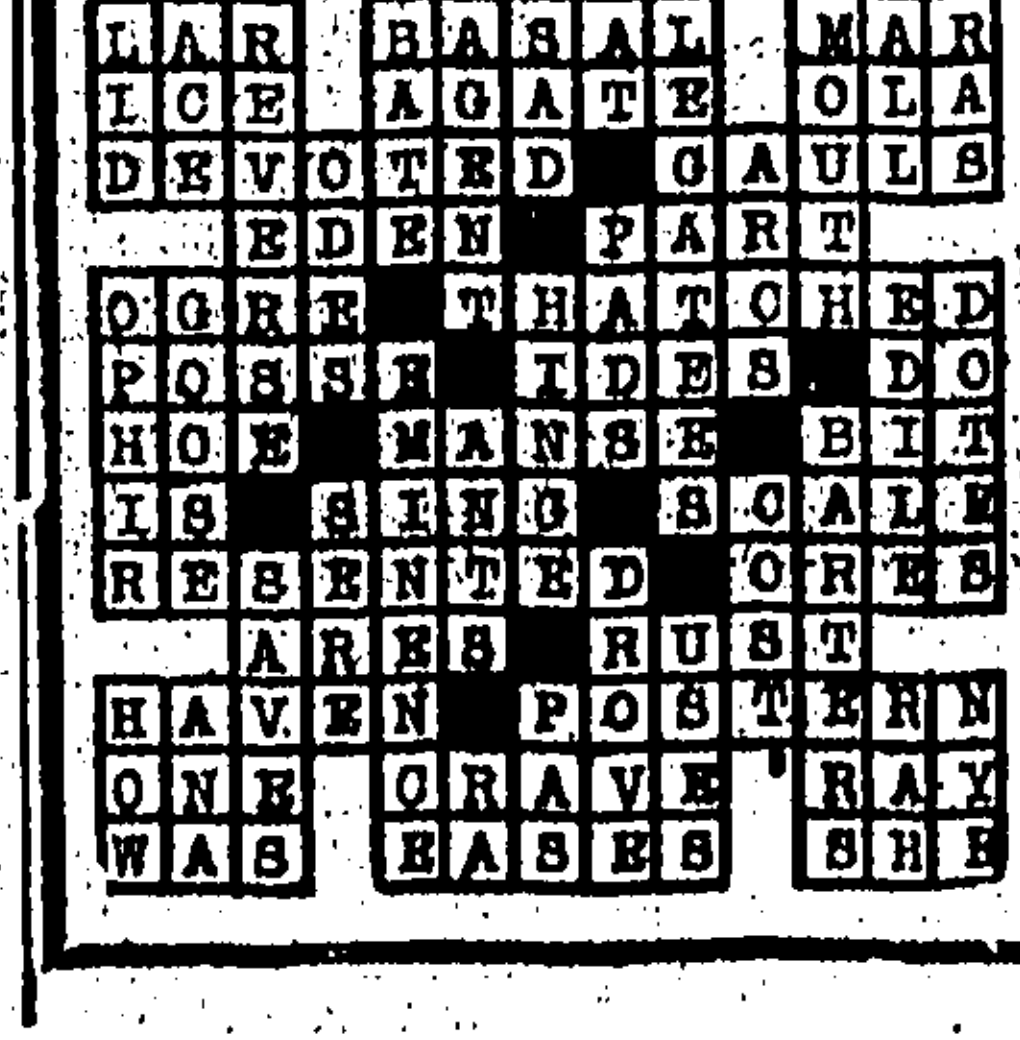
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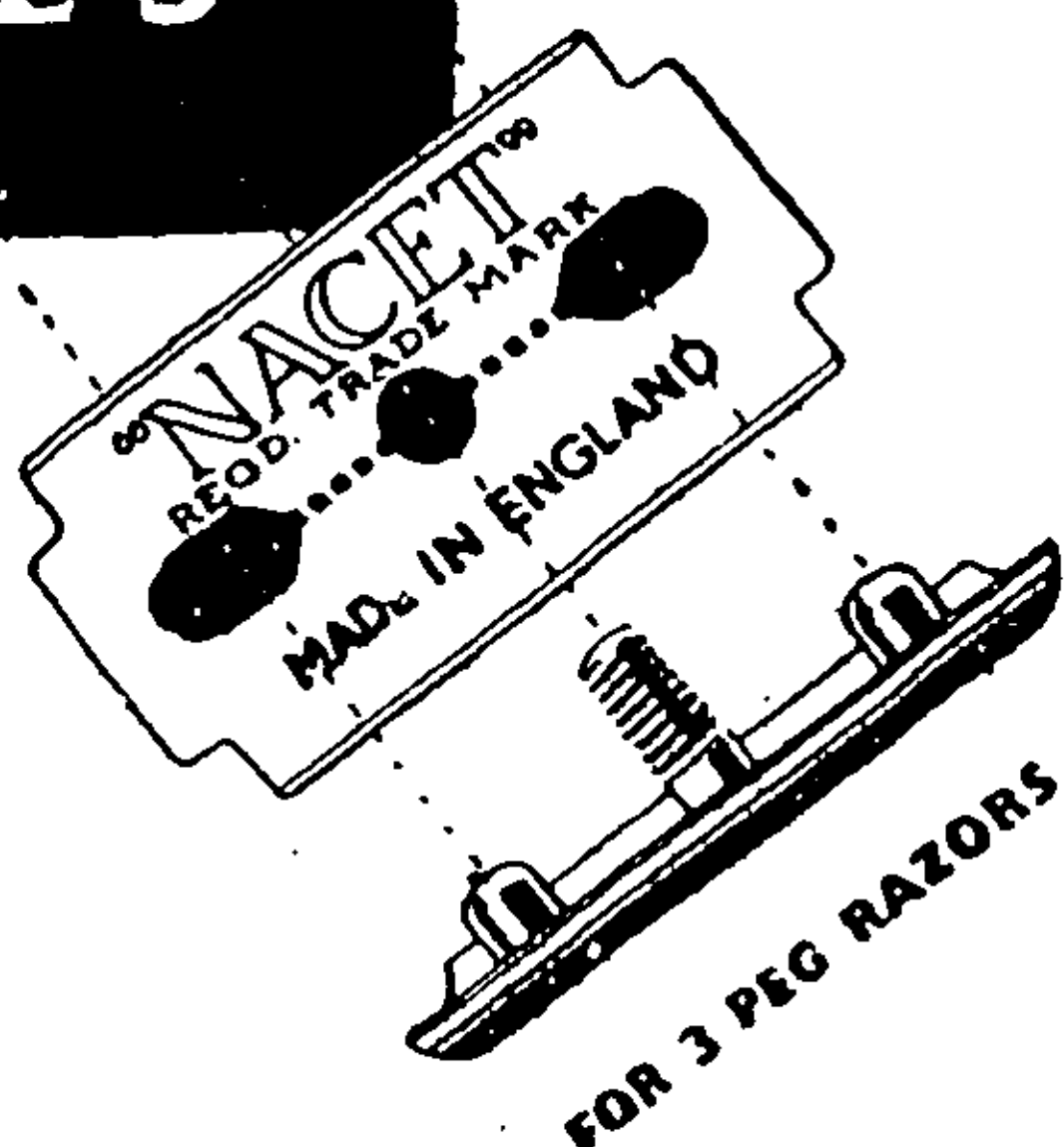
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SPIRIT THAT IL DUCE WILL NOT CONQUER

(From A Correspondent With The Greek Forces)

AFTER A FIFTY-MILE trip over mountain passes from Albania to Greece in a convoy of ambulances carrying Greek wounded, I cannot praise highly enough their courage — nor the amazing skill of the drivers.

The last stars shone coldly over the white Morava mountains in the Northern sector, when, in the dawn darkness, the wounded were carried from the forward base to the waiting ambulances.

As they entered the ambulances, each was given bread and cheese and packets of cigarettes.

Then after final checking, the ambulance convoy rumbled slowly along narrow mountain roads, each bump causing agony to the more severe cases, but their groans were drowned by the indomitable singing of the others.

My ambulance was full of Evzones suffering from frostbite and machine-gun wounds. Their courage during the journey confirmed my conviction that Mussolini will never conquer the spirit of Greece.

When Italian machines bombed the road, the thud of bombs in the valley was mingled with the famous furious Evzone war cry, "Aera, Aera," from even the most severely wounded in my ambulance, and unprintable epithets against the Fascist leaders.

Personal Battle

I continuously noted that the Greek soldier seldom expresses hatred of the ordinary Italian soldier, whom he regards merely with contempt. The war is much more a purely personal affair between every Greek soldier and Mussolini.

After an eleven-hour trip, when we reached the Greek hospital, the men, many of them terribly mangled, were still joking, and their one anxiety was to return as quickly as possible to the wild Albanian mountains to fight on.

Well-Behaved

There is no question that the Italians spent immense fortunes in Albania. I was recently in a typical captured Albanian town. It has an American bar and ornate new bank buildings, which contrast with the shabby Ottoman quarters.

In the smart Cafe Roma, re-christened Cafe London, I spoke freely with many Albanians.

They agree that, while the Greek occupation is causing temporary severe unemployment, the behaviour of the Greek troops is excellent.

A typical change here is that the brothel quarter, previously the haunt of the Italians, is at present deserted.

The focal point every night is at 8.25, when every cafe is packed to capacity with people standing for a final coffee and radio news from London in Greek. There are cheers for each item from Bardia and the Mediterranean.

N.Z. SHARE IN WAR EFFORT

AS A RESULT OF THE DELEGATION OF NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE EASTERN GROUP CONFERENCE IN NEW DELHI, A SPECIALLY SELECTED GROUP OF BRITISH TECHNICIANS HAS EXAMINED THE INDUSTRIAL POSSIBILITIES OF NEW ZEALAND, WITH A VIEW TO ASSISTING THE EMPIRE WAR EFFORT REQUIREMENTS OVERSEA AS WELL AS THE DEFENCE OF THE DOMINION.

These experts are reporting their findings to the British Government who, it is expected, will in due course establish a programme suitable for fulfilment by New Zealand.

Meanwhile every week sees a greater development of New Zealand's war effort.

A number of engineering firms are producing war material of various kinds.

Government workshops are busy making Bren gun carriers and 3-inch mortars. The output of small arms ammunition will shortly be doubled to meet the requirements of New Zealand's armed forces.

War material for the Navy is also in an advanced stage of production. Minesweepers are being constructed in Auckland to meet the immediate requirements of the Navy. — Reuter.

CRAZED MEN DIED IN HELL AT SEA

Sixteen men in an open boat drifted in an Atlantic hell. Man after man died. Two friends, as death came on them, rose and clasped each other. Five men went mad.

On the eighteenth day of torment, four still lived. They were rescued by a British ship.

Starving, frost-bitten, they were landed at a Canadian port. They are survivors of the 5,162-ton freighter Carlton, torpedoed by an Italian submarine off Ireland.

And their names are: Chief-Officer George Robinson, of Newcastle; Able-Seaman James Patterson, Able-Seaman John Morris, of Birmingham, and Ordinary-Seaman John Amos Pearson, former London cab-driver.

From the hospital bed, Pearson told this story to a Canadian correspondent:—

"We tried to fight the U-boat with a machine-gun. Then they sank us in six minutes. Sixteen of the crew of thirty-four got into one boat, eighteen in another. That was December 20."

"On Christmas Eve two kids, cabin-boy Arthur Clark and mess-boy Tony George, aged only sixteen, started crying for water."

Hymns Of Death

"Then the cook started cursing the sea. Suddenly he pummelled the boat with his fists, and then made a dive at bilge plugs and pulled them out. We grabbed the plugs and replaced them just in time."

"The cook gave a mad roar and jumped overboard. We pulled him back—dead."

"Next day was Christmas. Merry Christmas, we said to each other."

"Clark and George were too young for such terrors—they died later. Four Lascar firemen drank seawater which sent them crazy."

"They lay all night chanting native hymns—wild and creepy hymns. Their voices became silent. They were dead."

"Another boy, aged sixteen, died while sleeping."

"Sitting at opposite ends of the boat were Third-Officer Arthur Bedger and a young apprentice. They were inseparable friends."

"They both rose at the same time, tottered towards each other and died in each other's arms."

"Death followed death. Last to go was Seaman Jerry Murphy, of Liverpool."

"The men just became quiet, then expired. Robinson would recite a little prayer every time a man went."

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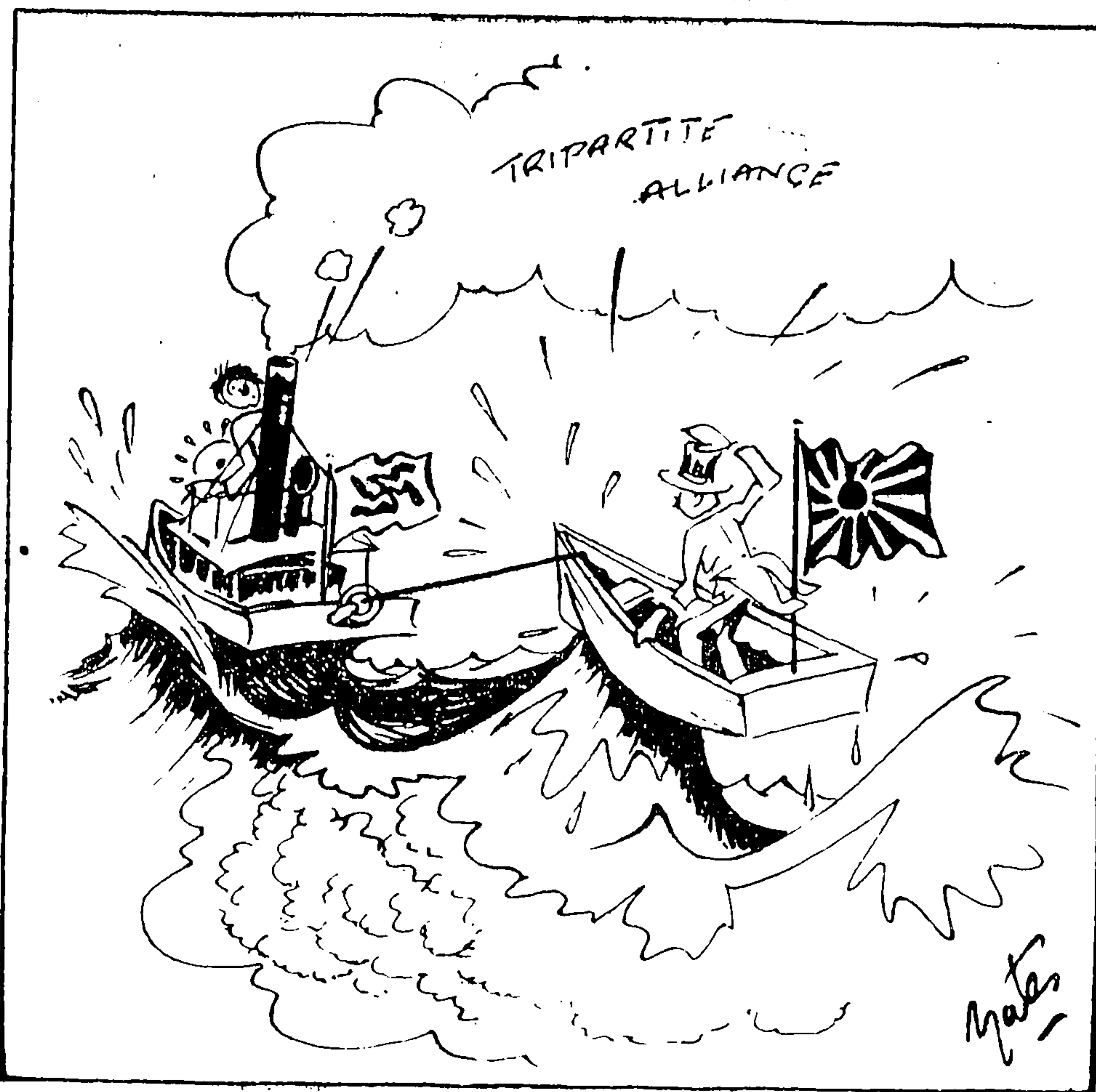
Colonel Knox, Mr. Stimson, Mr. Churchill, Lord Beaverbrook, Signor Gayda, Adolf Hitler, Field-Marshal Goering and Dr. Goebbels, despite their divergent views on most topics, are all agreed on one thing. They have all warned us in varying tones of emphasis that an attempted invasion of this country is possible during coming weeks and months. Do we believe them? The plain answer is that there are still millions who do not.

Now it is perfectly legitimate for contrary opinions to exist about the probability of an invasion. A good case can be made for the view that Hitler with his threats is seeking to bluff us. He has turned his attention to the Mediterranean. He has to rescue Mussolini. He is looking covetously towards the Balkans and beyond. An invasion of Britain must certainly be a most hazardous military undertaking. If it failed a deadly blow would have been dealt against Hitler's prestige. And in the long run might there not be some attraction for him in holding his empire, rounding out its periphery and defying the world to take his gains from him? It is a plausible argument. Yet even so no one must refuse to believe in the possibility of an invasion.

Nothing can alter the fact that the only quick way in which Hitler can win the war is by the subjugation of England. By next winter America's aid to us will be considerable. Even if by that time Hitler had succeeded in marching eastward and resuscitating Mussolini (a formidable restoration) he would not have counter-balanced the forfeit of time, the chief commodity which we need to solder the Anglo-American alliance. He would have spent his own machines and allowed us to accumulate ours. Britain's tight little island is the biggest prize. If it sinks, half the globe must slip into Hitler's hands, and the other half would be left without arms to face his tireless ambition.

The hour may come at any time in darkness or light when the church bells ring once more. If each man and woman knows and plays his part they will be bells of victory as much as bells of warning. They will be a sign that Hitler has challenged in their own home the toughest nation in the world, one that has sworn

THAT SINKING FEELING!



MATSUOKA: ONE LITTLE KNIFE STROKE WOULD DO IT!

Town & Gown

By
Ivor Brown

Visiting Oxford in these days is a form of hard labour, especially on a Saturday. With a deal of cunning, pertinacity, and brute force it is just possible to insert yourself into the Cornmarket or the High Street; by repeating these qualities you may even establish a foothold in one of the shops. Places of entertainment can only be stormed by early and intense preparation. Even putting Ibsen in the stage is no certain prophylactic against box-office stampedes. I found "Hedda Gabler" as effectively packing the Oxford Playhouse as if that lady were called "The Girl With a Gun" ("gat" or "rod") and the part was being rendered on celluloid by Miss Bette Davis.

The war has put a further and colossal kick into that treading down of academic Oxford which the Morris Dance of Industry had so powerfully started. The joke about Oxford being the Latin Quarter of Cowley had begun to be true enough. But now, thanks to evacuation from London, New College might be called the Culture Barrow of the New Cut, while Balliol rears the mock-baronial turrets of its front quad, like the Highland mansion of a Cockney profiteer, over a myriad jostling emigrants from Cricklewood and Camberwell. The newcomers appear to be of all kinds, from pale, exhausted mothers (the large majority) to some fairly sturdy, brutish, and prognathous males. Elbowed into the gutter by some of the more formidable of these and reflecting on their enforced leisure by the Isis, I decided that the true university of these days is a Collection of Bookies.

There was a time when it was fashionable for "town" and "gown" to meet in conflict, preferably on November 5. The battle began with hilarity and banter and ended sometimes with less amiable exchanges of taunt and missile. At least the contest, however foolish, was evenly matched. But nowadays "gown" would be so utterly outnumbered that it would be absurd to take the field — or street. A lonely and an insanely audacious Gentle might as well start a pogrom in West Hampstead — that is, before West Hampstead had overrun the suburbs of Oxford. No, it is

to break the body of any trespassers on its soil, to hurl them back so hard, as to break the hearts of the maniacs who sent them.

idle to think any longer of dreaming spires and scholar gipsies vagrant on the neighbouring hills. What was left of the old magic has been dissipated. The colleges themselves seem now to be the intruders, and one feels that the people who push you into the gutter are extremely disgusted at the presence of all this ancient clutter of stone. What business has a mere Bodleian to take up so much space which might have gone to the housing of new films or of ninepenny bazaars? Brasenose and All Souls indeed! Why not Rialto, Palasium, Alcazar, and Trash Stores, Ltd.?

Admittedly there was much wrong with the Oxford of thirty years ago. A walk past its shop windows did rather suggest that the city was specially designed for the sale of bad wine and good riding boots, together with the costlier ties and tobaccos and the more elegant shirtings, to young fools with too much pocket-money and a flair for spending even more than that. Had one been a "Scout" in those days, doomed week after week and year after year to clear up the mess made by drunken little Etions and their flashy hangers-on, a sour Communism would have been a natural state of mind. The idea of Oxford and Cambridge as Academies, cities of beauty and learning, wallowed about so that the devotees of the aspiring mind should have isolation and tranquillity for their slow-paced and reverent pursuit of truth, may have kindled some bachelor affections, but it was never a fact after the Middle Ages. The Academe of the poor scholar became the bear-garden of young Sir Midas.

Now that the Mile End Road and Maida Vale are treading in the footsteps of the Bullingdon club there is no drastic desecration or essential change. The poor are doing very much what the rich did before them (and with far less excuse) — namely, parading England's most beautiful streets without the faintest idea that they are beautiful. "Black-out" Oxford under a full moon has a loveliness not revealed to recent generations who broke that silver splendour with their street lamps and never knew that they were interrupting a perfection of eye-music, as it were Mozart, in stone. But how many are aware of it?

It would be extremely interesting to know what proportion of Oxford's London immigrants arriving since last September have taken the slightest trouble to find out anything about Oxford except the whereabouts of cinemas and shops.

This kind of crowding will pass, but Oxford and Cambridge will never again be just enclaves of scholarship, the homes of a cloistered and a fugitive learning. It can be well argued that universities should be planted among the universal interests and that scholars should rub shoulders daily with the men of business and affairs. This, it may be thought, will broaden the minds of each and mitigate both the priggishness of the bookworm and the crudity of the exclusively commercial mind. None the less, I would support the idea of a somewhat separate city for the academic life, because its separateness now can never be complete. Cheap and swift transport makes total isolation impossible, and, in any case, there are several and prolonged vacations in which the student is sufficiently reminded of the market-place.

In defence of the enclaves I would plead that the beginning of adult life in a place at once beautiful and dedicated to the fine issues of life must have a precious influence for at least a fraction of the undergraduates; some of whom must have some sensibility in these matters. To be faced with this fact of age-long dedication to immaterial things, to live in buildings that have grown upward and outward with their own expanding purpose (and that purpose no pursuit of profit), must be good for the soul, if spark of soul there be. Furthermore, the enclave will have its close countryside which the great city will not. Academe must have its Arcady. Both Oxford and Cambridge have always been something more than the kraals of ancient culture. They have been market towns, and at stated seasons the fairgrounds of the Cotswold fringe and East Anglian flats. And so, one hopes, they will remain, long after they have ceased to be the cisterns for London's wartime overflow.

There will always be the two contrasted ideas of virtue: the holiness of the recluse, pensive in some exquisite retreat, and the saintliness of the busy slum-parson whose workshop is the world's. In the arts the same dispute arises. Is it the end to achieve the perfection of professional work in music and drama or to have the people play and sing, albeit without much skill or even competence? Do we look to one superb executant or to a na-

Bulgaria Goes

The armies of Reichsfuehrer Hitler are again on the march. The German move initially may not extend beyond the Bulgarian frontier, although Herr Hitler's eventual objective is obviously domination of all the Balkans. Completion of the occupation of small Bulgaria offered no particular obstacle to the Nazi troops, although the terrain is mountain-

By Hanson W. Baldwin

ous, roads and railroads are relatively poor and at this season snow and mud handicap transportation.

The main route of the "Orient Express" runs from Belgrade through Sofia, then south of the Balkan Mountains through Plovdiv and across the Turkish border to Adrianople and Istanbul. A branch line runs southward from Sofia down the Struma toward Salonika.

Bulgaria is virtually cut in two by the Balkan Mountains. The southern and western parts of the country — along the Greek and Yugoslav frontiers — are mountainous; the Maritsa River system with its valleys and basins runs to the south-east and levels out into the Black Sea plain. There, at the border of Turkey, the Tunja River offers a good barrier to invasion in front of Turkish Adrianople.

The Rhodope Mountains on the south are a natural border between Greece and Bulgaria, pierced by several passes, the most important of them being the Struma River gap, north-east of strategically important Greek Salonika. There are two other principal passes — north of Greek Kavala and north of Dede Agach. Roads are bad and there are only seven across the Bulgarian-Greek frontier, all but one of them little better than mountain trails.

The Rhodope Mountain passes that lead into the Greek panhandle have been fortified by the Greeks with field works and the Turks also have established field fortifications along their frontier.

Bulgaria, chiefly agricultural, would be of some importance, perhaps, to the German bread basket, but is chiefly important strategically, for it is there that the two traditional routes of conquest from Asia into Europe, and vice versa, meet — one through Russia north of the Black Sea, the other across the Dardanelles into Asiatic Turkey. Bulgaria is in a sense the strategic key to the Balkans; hence its importance in the German strategy.

British Reaction Awaited

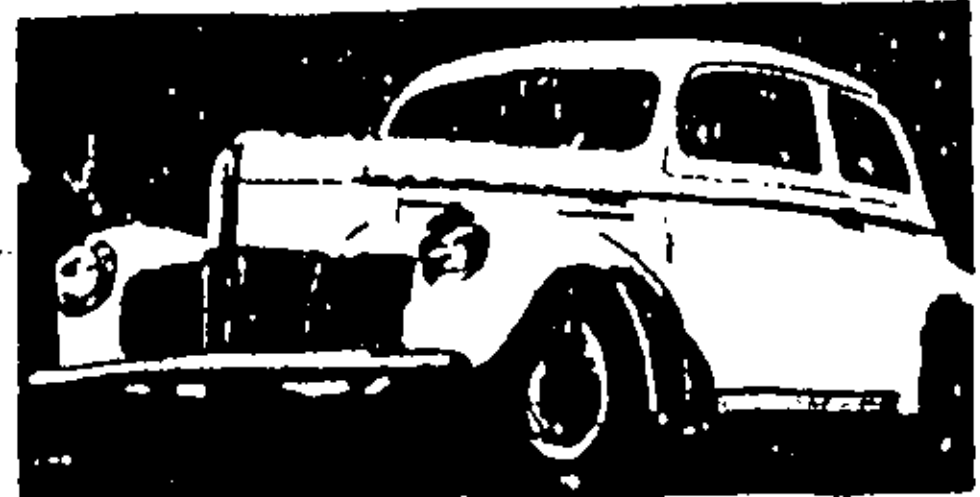
What the British reaction is to the German occupation is not yet clear. We control the Aegean, and under the Montreux Convention apparently have the right to send ships through the Dardanelles into the Black Sea if desired, though the utility of such a move is questionable.

Salonika is the natural point for a British landing in force, but Salonika might be made a shambles by German bombers. On the other hand, quick and intensive bombing of German troop movements in the bottlenecks of the Rhodope and Balkan mountain passes might materially slow the German advance.

But whether we have enough planes to attempt such bombardment, or even enough troops to prevent the extension of Herr Hitler's conquests beyond the Bulgarian frontiers, is unknown.

tion making its art with all the enthusiasm, but also with the inevitably limited efficiency, of the happy amateur? Do we look for learning democratically spread about our mills and factories or delicately cabined by its river banks of green and under its pinnacles of stone-cut poetry? The ideals are not in essence contradictory. We can always manage, as they say, with a bit of both. But just at present there is nothing of the enclave left. Carfax has assumed the roar and multitudes of Charing Cross, and a new "Martyrs' Memorial" will have to be erected to Oxonians trodden down to dusty death by the invasive Londoners while they strove to buy a pound of sausages or to secure a last spoonful of their aboriginal and pulsant marmalade.

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SHOCK**

The Shanghai exchange market was disorganised at the opening this morning as a result of a London cable stating that negotiations are proceeding to prevent sterling help to the Stabilisation Fund from feeding the Shanghai market, which is the main remaining loophole in the sterling exchange control.

No rates were available at the opening, with the dollar nominally valued at 3-7/32d.

Securities, gold bars and commodities generally were sharply higher.—Reuter.

**NAZIS FEAR HOUSE
FAMINE**

German radio stated recently that owners of houses in Germany, large or small, must be responsible for necessary repairs.

Should the owners not carry out such repairs the local county councils will enforce it.

This decree has been issued to prevent a house shortage, added the announcer, who during the broadcast avoided reference to air raids.

**CATHEDRAL
WRECKED**

Italian bombers have wrecked the cathedral at Preveza, Greece, it was reported in Athens.

**SHORTAGE OF
FOOD BEGINS IN
BULGARIA**

Butter, vegetable oils and lard will be rationed in Bulgaria next week and cards for that purpose will be issued to the populace, states a Sofia report quoted by Moscow radio yesterday.

A shortage of foodstuffs, Moscow radio added, is now notable in the Bulgarian capital, where beef is almost unobtainable and the sale of bread rigorously restricted.—Reuter.

ATLANTIC PILOT

Bernt Balchen, a well-known Norwegian pilot, is one of the men engaged in flying the Consolidated Aircraft patrol bombers to England, according to the New York "Times."

**ANSALDO
PREDICTS
A HUGE
ATTACK**

The United States will most likely disregard Reichsfuehrer Hitler's warning that he will sink American ships going to England, Giovanni Ansaldo told the Italian armed forces in his weekly broadcast.

However, he cheered up his listeners by saying that the German Spring attack would be the greatest ever seen in warfare.

"Spring will see a German drive, compared with which all previous attacks in this war will be considered mere episodes," Signor Ansaldo said. "Germany has colossal armament and stocks of raw materials. She is stronger than ever and will use that strength against all nations aiding England."

"Will Hitler's warning have any effect on the United States? We do not think so. All recent events, including the Foreign Affairs Committee's report, indicate that the United States will send ships to meet Axis torpedoes."

"Roosevelt is not fighting to save England. He is fighting for American imperialism, since he wants to replace England with the United States as a world power. To-day the United States is doing what England did up to the present conflict—she is ready to fight to her ally's last man."

Painful Events

"Roosevelt wants to destroy the Tri-Power Pact because it is the only obstacle on the United States' road to world domination. With that aim in mind, Roosevelt aids England, but he also wants to see England destroyed. Thus England is forced to fight for American imperialism."

"It is clear that the Axis submarine attack in the Spring will be decisive. Germany will unleash such a drive as has never been seen in any war."

"Those recent events in Africa are painful, but they have importance for the conflict as a whole. Do not fear—we will defeat Wavell [General Sir Archibald P. Wavell, British Commander in Chief in the Near East]."

**VERY PISTOL FIRES
'PLANE CARTRIDGES**

During an attack by enemy fighters on R.A.F. bombers raiding Beral, a machine-gun bullet struck the Very pistol tube of one of our aircraft, throwing the pistol into the cockpit.

There it set fire to cartridges and filled the cabin with smoke, temporarily blinding the pilot.

The aircraft was thrown out of control. But as the pilot was on the point of ordering the crew to bale out, the sergeant observer, showing great presence of mind, got the cockpit roof open. The smoke cleared and the pilot regained control.

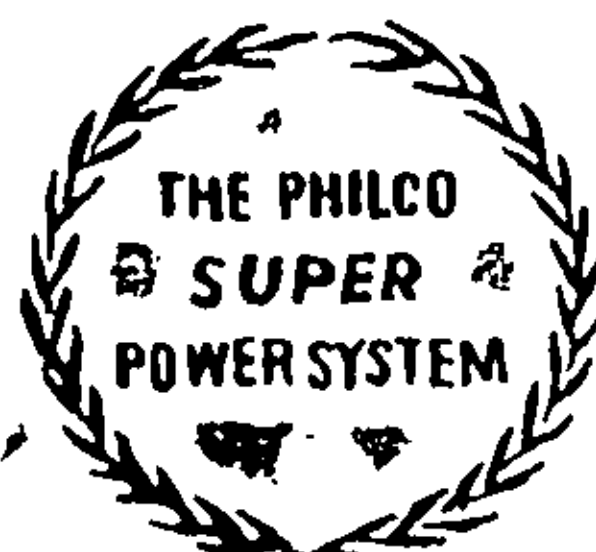
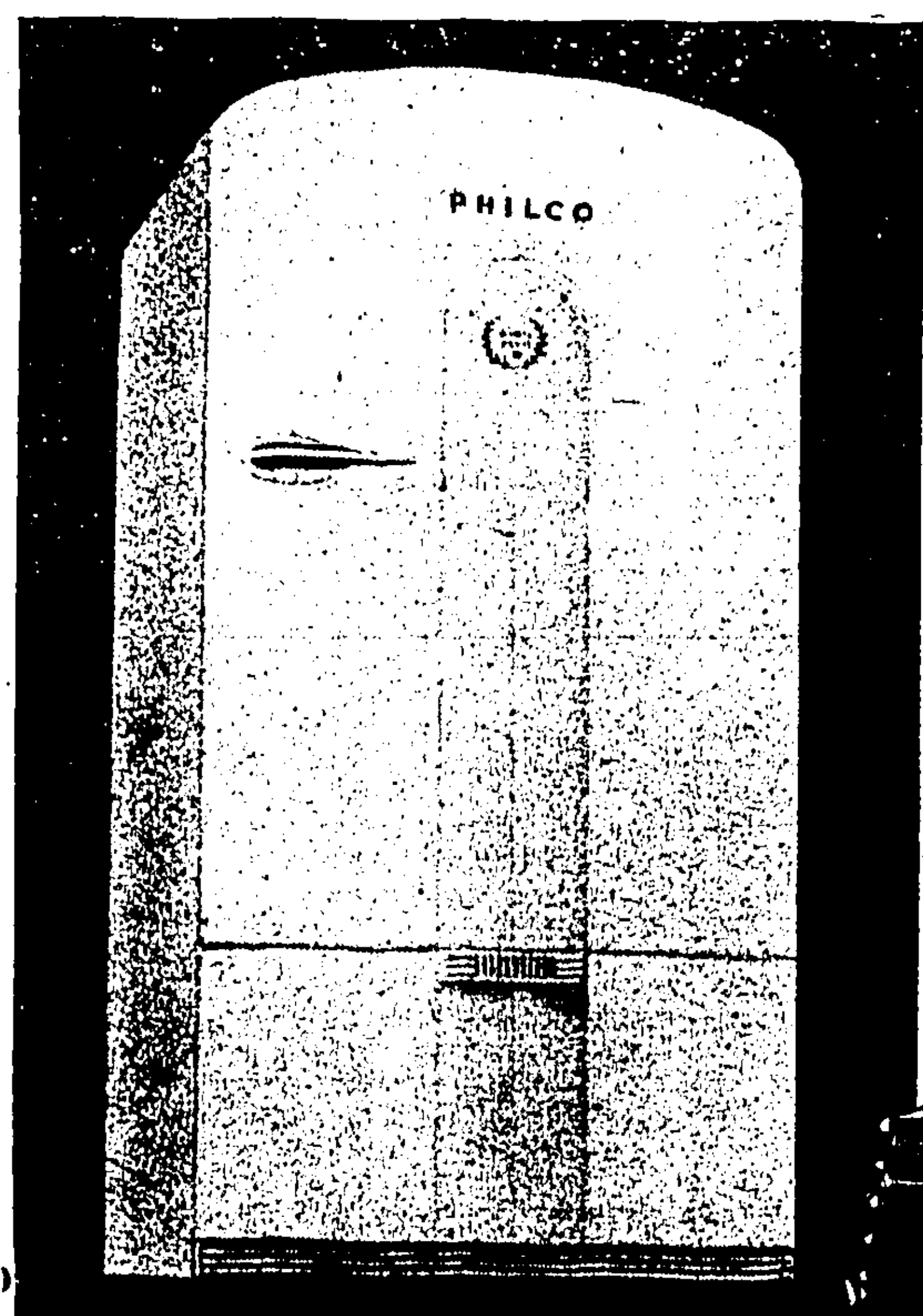
The observer also stamped out a fire which had started beside his own seat. His efforts saved both aircraft and crew.

**GOAT SAVES BABY'S
LIFE**

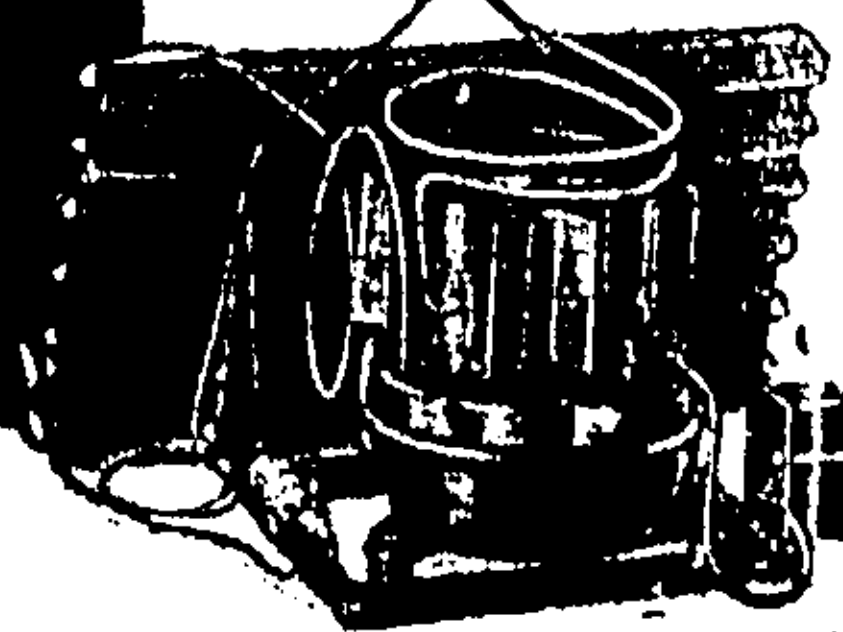
Goat's milk has saved the life of a seven-month-old boy in Newcastle-on-Tyne General Hospital.

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FEW VOTERS SUPPORT COL. LINDBERGH

THE QUESTION of how many Americans share the viewpoint of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh in favouring a negotiated peace between Germany and England, how many want the British to try to make the best peace they can now, instead of continuing the war, has been put to voters in a nation-wide survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion.

The results, according to Dr. George Gallup, the institute's director, show that the negotiated peace idea is shared by only a small minority—approximately one voter in every seven.

"The strength of this group," Dr. Gallup says, "just about equals that of another group at the opposite extreme—those who want the United States to get into the war. The most recent survey on that subject found approximately one voter in every eight in favour of going to war.

"In between these two extremes the 'war party' on the one hand, and the party which wants England to make a deal with the Nazis on the other hand—lie the great majority of the American people. They do not sympathise with the negotiated peace idea; 79 per cent. hope Britain will continue to fight until the Nazis are defeated. Neither do they sympathise with the war party, for 88 per cent., at the last count, want the United States to stay out of the war. But the majority of them are for aiding Britain in every possible way short of war.

"To-day's survey put the following question to a cross-section of the voting public:

"Which of these two things do you think England should do now: try to make the best possible peace now with Germany, or keep on fighting in the hope of defeating Germany?"

"The results are:

	P.C.
Try to make peace now	15
Keep on fighting	79
Don't know	6

Contrasted With British Feeling

"It is a curious fact that in this country, thousands of miles away from the bombs and bloodshed of Britain, more people want an Anglo-German peace than in embattled Britain itself. Last December the British Institute of Public Opinion took a poll in England on the idea of a negotiated peace with Germany and found that only 7 per cent. of British voters favoured such a plan, despite four hard months of savage air raids.

"The same survey also found that the temper of the British people was such that as many as 13 per cent. would report to the authorities any person who even suggested making a negotiated peace.

"With the views of the British and the American people on record concerning a negotiated peace, the story would be complete if a survey could be taken among the common people of Germany as well as Italy. War-time conditions have not interfered with the work of the British Institute, which has continued without censorship, but free measurement of opinions does not thrive in countries where a free press is unknown.

Hitler Pledges Mistrusted

"An analysis of the reasons why most American voters oppose a negotiated peace between Germany and England shows two main attitudes—that Germany 'must be stopped now,' and that a peace made with Hitler would not last 'because his pledge is worthless.'

"Typical of many was this comment of a textile worker in North Carolina: 'Any peace now would serve only as a temporary advantage for Hitler to recuperate so that he could resume his programme of world destruction. It

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Second Extra Race Meeting Saturday, 29th March, 1941

The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 P.M. on MONDAY, 24th March.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 29th March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th March, 1941.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,

Secretary & Manager

Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March, 1941, at noon, in the BOARD ROOM of the Company, SECOND FLOOR, EXCHANGE BUILDING, HONG KONG, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial year ended 31st December, 1940, and re-electing two Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 14th March to the 28th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1941.

By Order of the Board,

J. P. SHERRY,

Managing Director.

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1940.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1941, to THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, both days inclusive.

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Directors,

D. W. MUNTUN,

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By The Four Aces

"Perhaps you can make something clear to us," writes a St. Louis enthusiast. "We are a group of sixteen who meet each week, but there's a lot we still have to learn about the game. This is the sort of hand that always gives us the creeping jim-jams:

North, Dealer

East-West vulnerable

♠ K 10 8 7
♥ Q 4 3
♦ 4
♣ K J 9 7 2
♠ 4 3
♥ A J 10
♦ Q J 10
♣ 5 2
♠ 10 6 5
♥ A Q J 9 6
♦ K 7 6 2
♣ 9 6
♠ A 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

"As you can see, there's no way of defeating four spades; but we couldn't see any way of getting to four spades. North isn't strong enough to go to three spades, and South isn't strong enough to bid again when North simply raises to two spades. Isn't there some way for North to bid two-and-a-half spades?"

Strangely enough, there is a way of doing that — although the rules of the game forbid any such bid in so many words. North should bid two clubs instead of two spades. If South has a sound opening bid, he will give North another chance to bid so North doesn't have to be in a hurry to raise the spades. (And if South hasn't a sound opening bid and consequently has to pass two clubs, the North-South hands will be too weak for game and little will have been missed).

When South bids two spades over North's response of two clubs, North can go to three spades. This combination of bids by North — first bidding his own suit and then raising South's suit — is the easiest way to show a hand whose strength is about midway between a single and a double raise. And once South gets that message, he will naturally bid four spades, since he has substantially more strength than he needed for his opening bid.

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Saturday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held

♠ A K 9 6
♥ 7 3 2
♦ 6
♣ A K 10 4 3

The bidding:

Burnstone	Schenken	You	Jacoby
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid three spades. This is a strong invitation (not a force) to game, and your partner will accept if he has a King or so in the red suits in addition to a four-card or five-card spade suit headed by the Queen. If he has less than that strength, the contract of three spades will be fairly safe. Score 100% for three spades, 30% for four spades, 10% for two spades.

Question No. 672

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K 9 6
♥ K 3 2
♦ 6
♣ A K Q 4 3

The bidding:

Schenken	Meier	You	Jacoby
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.) (Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

CHAMBERLAIN MEMENTOES

Women anxious to obtain some of the more personal household effects as mementoes were among bidders at the auction sale of some of the furniture and effects of Mr. Neville Chamberlain's home, Westbourne, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

The auctioneer made it clear that the 300 odd lots constituted only a portion of the household effects. It was that part which was no longer required by the family.

Bidding was keen for a set of Persian pottery which formerly belonged to Mr. Joseph Chamberlain. There was a valuable collection of books, chiefly on butterflies and moths — a favourite study of the late Prime Minister. One of these, "Beautiful Butterflies of the Tropics," was inscribed, "With Sir John Holder's best wishes, Christmas, 1920."

Among other articles offered was a gold buttonhole flower holder, though no one could remember the former Prime Minister ever wearing flowers in his coat lapel. A collection of juvenile books were all more or less of a serious nature: "The Story of Our Island Home," "Japan—Her Place in the East," and "The Story of France."

Many of the souvenir hunters had hoped to secure an umbrella or fishing tackle, but none was on offer. Most of the fishing tackle had been distributed among angling friends.

The first lot offered was a quantity of linoleum, for which an initial bid of 15s was made, but it finally went for £2. A 3ft oak bureau with graduated drawers which had been used by the Chamberlain family for accommodating birds' eggs realised 15s. Three sets—each of 50 children's books—realised 12s., 17s 6d and 20s per set.

Mr. W. S. Edwards, who conducted part of the sale, afterwards said, "We had a good company and good competition. No doubt many people bought articles as souvenirs. I bought a little lot of ornamental china as a souvenir for a guinea. It was a better sale than I thought likely."

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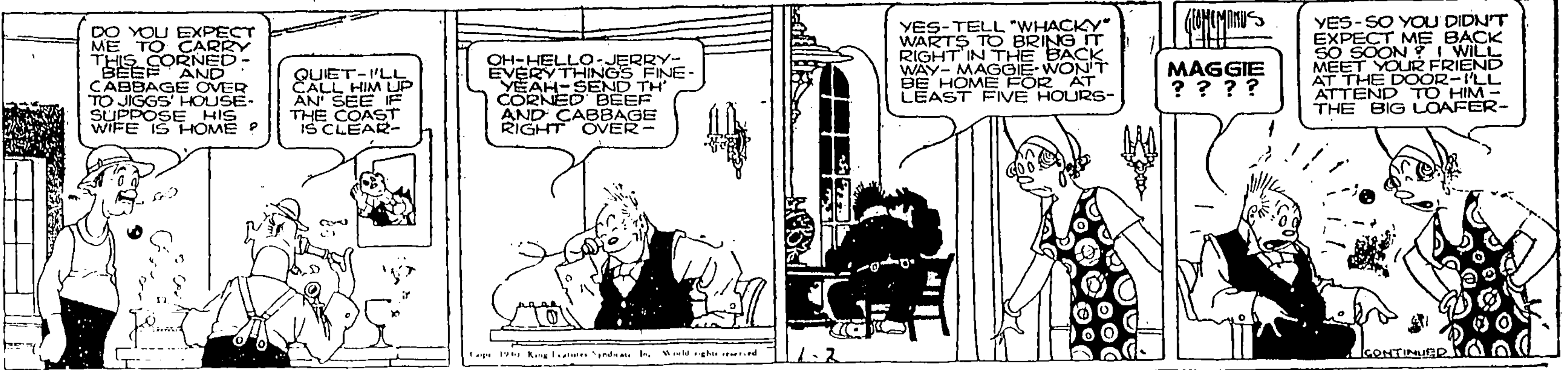
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Double Chin And Crepey Throat

If you are over twenty-five, count on your face facts take a candid look at your profile in a good strong light. Is the chin and throat contour flabby and has a double chin begun to form? If either is the case you might as well make up your mind to exert your more.

Every woman ardently wishes that she knew the name of a miracle cream or lotion which would preserve her beauty until she died. But there is no such wonder mixture, and flabby contours and double chins will form if we do not care properly for our bodies.

One may use twenty beauty preparations on one's face and neck and still those aging signs will appear if the whole body is not kept youthful and healthy through exercise and thoughtful feeding.

Have you ever noticed how much younger you looked after a vacation under the sun, when you swam and walked and perhaps played tennis, and danced until morning hours? Were not your face and neck firmer in contour, your skin clearer and lovelier with its coat of sun tan, and didn't you feel pretty much like a mil-



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glamourtime, then women would be more prone to stretch and swing and roll and bump, to keep themselves fit and lovely looking. Without a certain amount of exercise a woman cannot hope to retain her beauty, enhance her beauty or keep young looking. Lack of exercise ages a woman rapidly—even though she may diet lion dollars when you returned home to tackle the tasks awaiting you?

Many things were accountable for that revived vitality. You rested, you ate well, you forgot to worry, you sunned and aired your body, you played. But above

all you were far more physically active during your holiday than you are while you stay at home. Every muscle had a work-out and was supplied with the nourishment it needed. Your body became more agile and delighted in the exercise you took. Golfing or swimming or walking long trails did not seem like any great effort, but also spending twenty minutes a day at home exercising (or even fifteen) seems like too great a chore for beauty!

Keep Young

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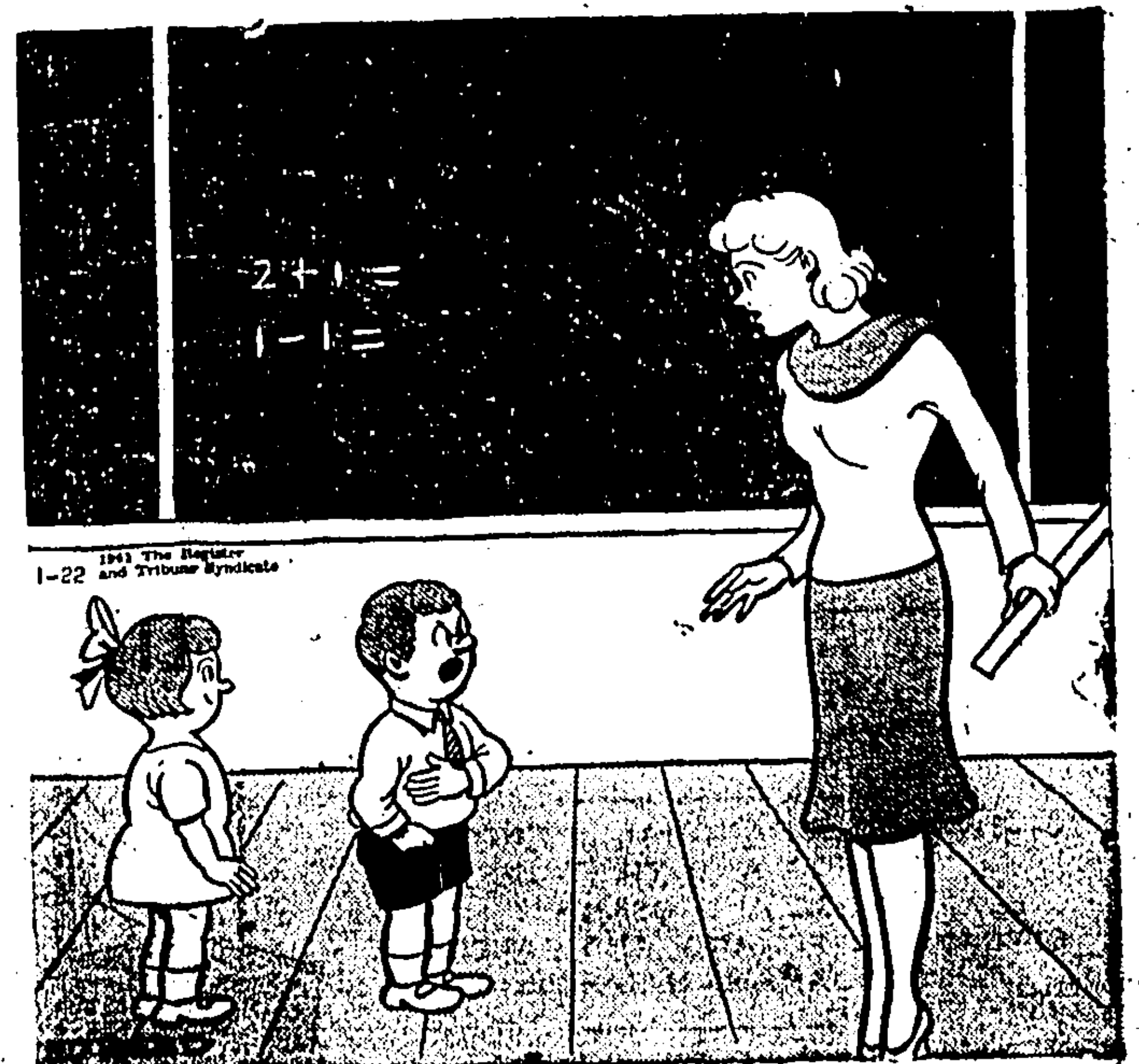
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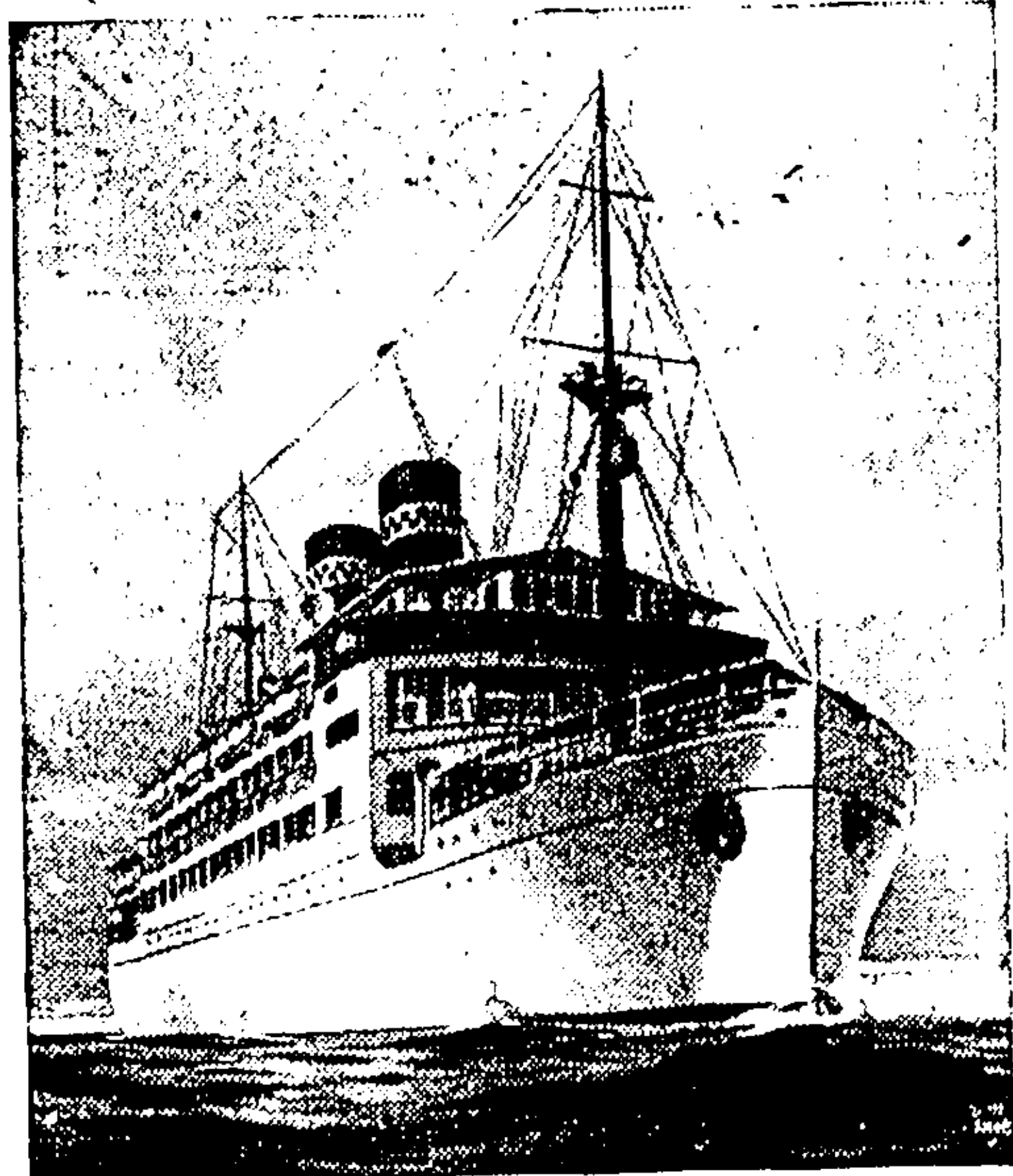
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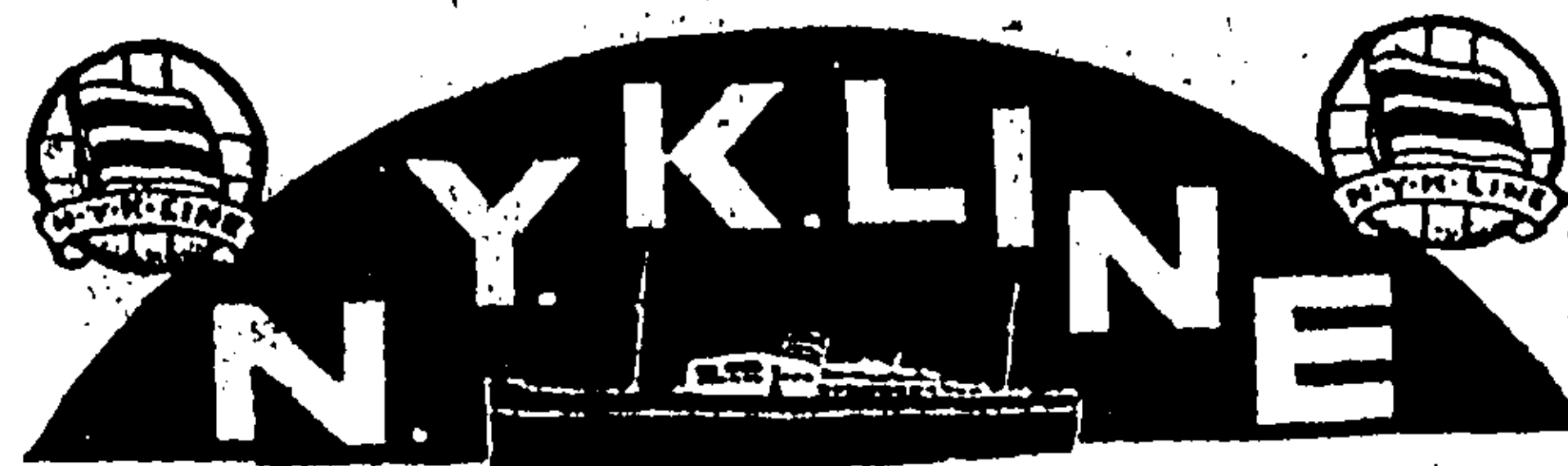
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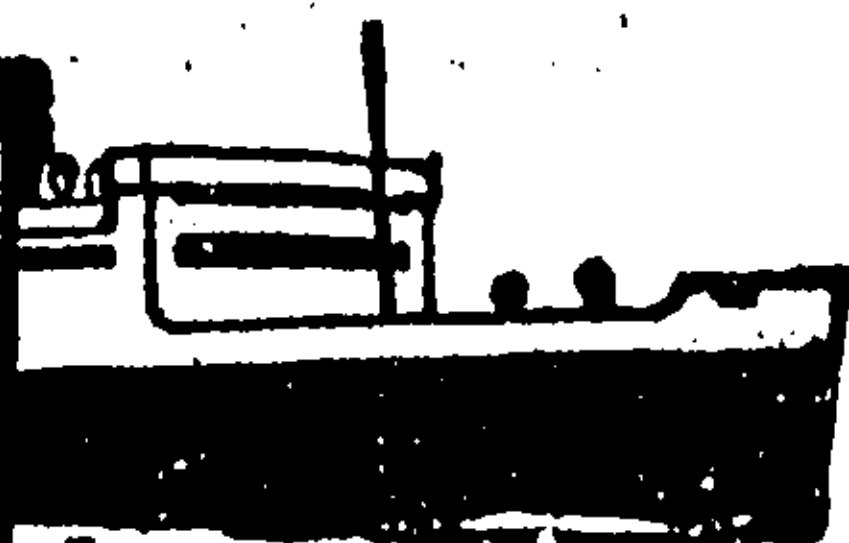
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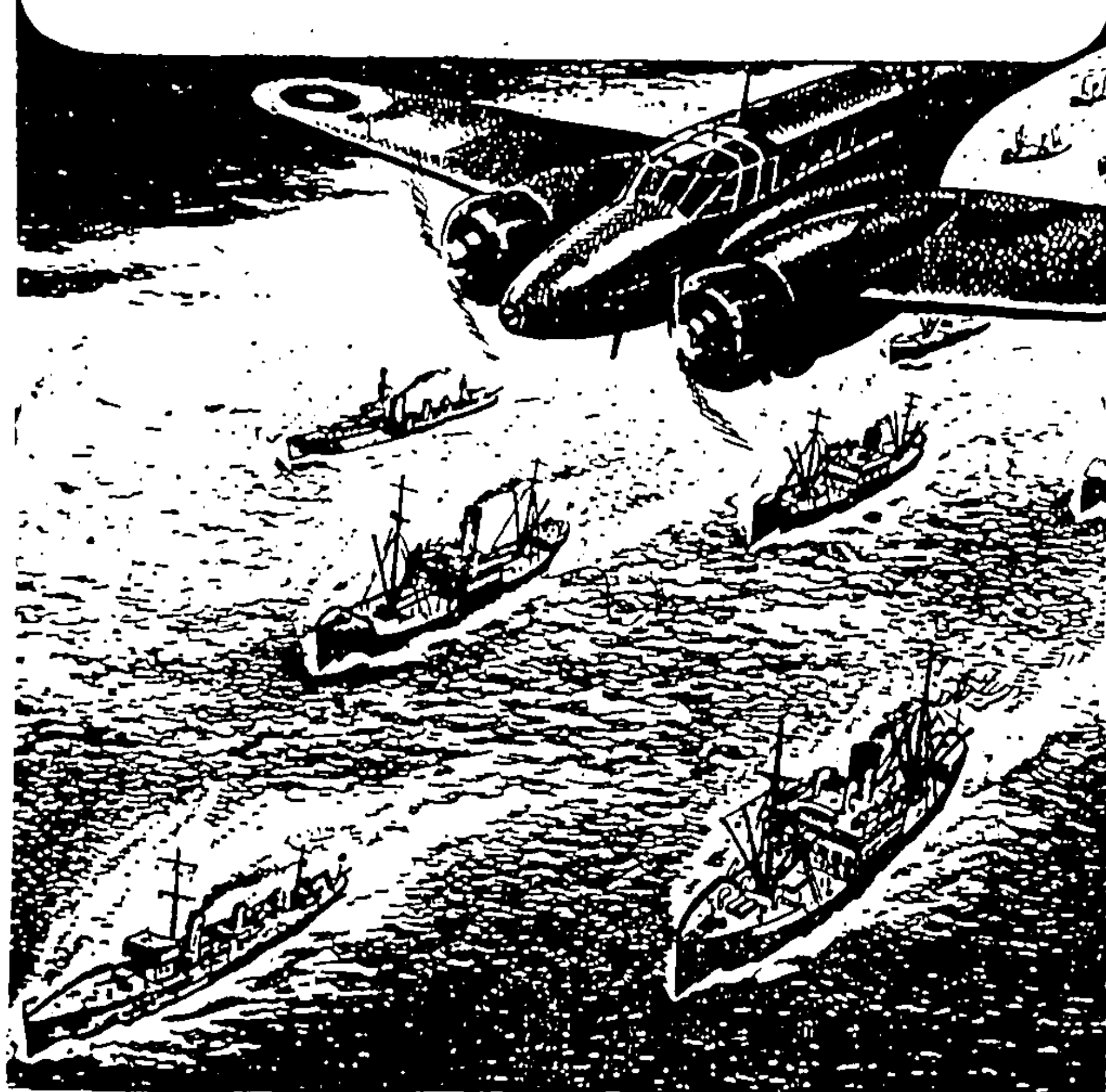
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal—Moonlight and Shadows (film 'Jungle Princess').
Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra.
Organ—Grasshoppers' Dance (Bucalossi).
Sydney Gustard.
Piano and Vocal—A Bouquet for Cole Porter.

Intro: What is this thing called love? Night and Day; I'm in love again; You've got that thing; Let's do it; Love for sale.

Arthur Young (Piano) and the Youngsters w. Vocal Chorus.
Vocal—Just Let Me Look At You (from 'Joy of Living').
Sing a Song of Harvest (from 'Kentucky Moonshine').
Kenny Baker with Orchestra.
Vocal and Piano—I'm a Fool for Loving You.
Turner Layton.
Vocal—Palms of Paradise (film 'Typhoon').
Sweet Potato Piper (film 'The Road to Singapore').
Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Orchestra Mascotte with Tino Rossi (Tenor).
Walk Right In—Waltz (Ziehrer).
My Life is filled with Love and Longing (Jos. Strauss).
Orchestra Mascotte.
Les Fleurs C'est De L'Amour (Montier and Tillymoon).
Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orch.
Music of the Spheres—Waltz (Strauss).
My Lucky Day—Waltz (Carste).
Orchestra Mascotte.
Mia Piccolina (film 'Naples au Laiser de feu').
Rien Qu'un Chant D'Amour (film 'Naples au Laiser de feu').
Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orch.
Hobgoblin's Review (Norch).
Parade of the Tin Soldiers (Jessel).
Orchestra Mascotte.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Beethoven—Trio in G Major, Op. 9, No. 1.
1st Mov. Adagio-Allegro con brio
2nd Mov. Adagio ma non tanto e cantabile
3rd Mov. Scherzo (Allegro)
4th Mov. Presto
The Pasquet Trio

2.15 p.m.—Close Down

2.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

3.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations

6.32 p.m.—French Programme with Yvonne Printemps (Soprano).
Meditation (from 'Thais' Massenet).
Boston Promenade Orchestra.
Pensée D'Automne Melodie (Massenet).
Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orch.
Jeux D'Eau (Ravel).
Benno Moisevitich (Piano).
Au Clair de La Lune (Lull).
Plus T D'Amour (Maitland).
Yvonne Printemps (Soprano).
Alborada Del Gracioso (Ravel).
Orchestra Des Concerts Straram

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Working Together.

7.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's 'The Mikado'.
Overture—The Light Opera Chorus.
Comes A Train of Little Ladies.
Chorus of Girls.
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Elsie Griffin, D. Hemingway and B. Elburn with Chorus of Girls.

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Elsie Griffin and Aileen Davies.
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Were You Not To Go-Ko Plighted.
Elsie Griffin and Derek Oldham.

I Am So Proud.
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Here's A How-De-Do!
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Mi-Ya Sa-Ma.
Bertha Lewis, Darrel Francour, and Chorus.

See How the Fates.
D. Francour, B. Lewis, A. Davies, H. A. Lytton, L. Sheffield.

The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring.
D. Oldham, H. A. Lytton.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—This week's programmes.

8.05 p.m.—Piano-Accordeon Solos by George Scott-Wood.

Song of Songs (Moya).
Speak to Me of Love (Lenoir).
Stars Over Devon. (Flynn and Egan).

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—Hi, Gang!

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—A Programme of Old English Music.

Pavane; Calliad (William Byrd).
Chaconne (Henry Purcell).
Society of Ancient Instruments.
Passing By (Purcell).

Dennis Noble (Baritone), with Orchestra.

A Trumpet Voluntary (Purcell).
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He was also charged with obtaining £10 and £5 from Clifford Brookes, a company manager, of Childwall Valley Road, Liverpool, by false pretences.

Another charge was of stealing £63 18s. 6d. from the Broadgreen canteen and Comforts Fund.

At a previous hearing it was alleged that Crawford gave Mr. Thrush a cheque which was returned "R. D."

The hearing was adjourned.

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Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Piano.

La Volta (Byrd).

The Pipers' Guild Quartet.

My Lovely Celia (Monroe)/

Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Piano.

The Faery Queen—Three Dances (Purcell).

Hornpipe, Rondeau, Jig

The Jacques String Orchestra

Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes (Words: Ben Jonson—Music: Anon.)

Hubert Elsdell, Heddle Nash, Dennis Noble and Norman Ailin unaccompanied.

Air and Hornpipe (Purcell)

Edith Penville (Flute) w Piano

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—News from Home by Howard Marshall.

10.15 p.m.—Excerpts from Ivor Novello's Shows.

Far Away in Shanty Town (from 'Glamorous Night').

Elisabeth Welch (Comedienne) with Orchestra

Give Me Back My Heart (from 'Symphony in Two Flats').

Albert Sandler and His Orch.

Studio Scene—A bit of Opera (Careless Rapture).

Ivor Novello, Dorothy Dickson and Olive Gilbert with Orch.

'Chest of the Wave'—Selections

The Drury Lane Theatre Orch.

10.36 p.m.—Dance Music.

Swing Fox-Trots—Undecided

The Lady's In Love With You (film 'Some Like It Hot')

Benny Goodman and His Orch.

Tangos—Red Roses

Dreaming of the Pusztia.

George Boulanger and His Orch.

Fox-Trots—Minnie the Moocher's Wedding Day.

Hot Toddy.

Bob Calloway and His Orchestra

Fox-Trot—Parade of the Little White Mice.

Waltz—Start the Day Right (from 'Haw Haw')

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SOUTH CHINA ENTER SENIOR SHIELD FINAL

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Tsang and Hussain Shine For Losers

OUTCLASSED AND outplayed St. Joseph's were beaten in the Semi-final of the Senior Shield Football Competition by South China by 7 goals to 1 at Causeway Bay yesterday after being led at the interval by 3 goals to 1.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUAD"Y

IN the Large Unit Hockey League, Middlesex Regiment have already won and are seven points in the lead of the 5/7th Rajput Regiment, who have another three games to play and can only secure six more points at the most.

The three leading teams in the League are

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Middlesex Regt.	9	8	0	1	17
5/7th Rajput Regt.	6	4	0	2	10
12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.	7	3	1	3	9

RUGBY FOOTBALL

ROYAL Engineers are still undefeated in the Large Units Rugby League. They further increased their lead on Tuesday by defeating the Combined Small Units by 14 points to nil.

In this game Engineers lost one of their best players in Sgt. Blackman, who unfortunately broke his leg.

Middlesex Regiment won their second game by beating the Royal Artillery 13 points to 3. Sgt. Freshwater and Pte. Berry had a successful afternoon and Freshwater scored two fine tries and Berry one; Berry also converted two tries.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Royal Engineers	6	6	0	0	12
Royal Artillery	5	3	2	0	6
Middlesex Regt.	6	2	4	0	4
Royal Scots	4	1	2	1	3
Combined S. Units	5	0	4	1	1

BOXING

COMPETITION

THE next Boxing event for the Army will be held at Murray Barracks on April 8, 9 and 10, commencing at 8.30 p.m. each night. April 10 will only be used if there are more than three teams entering.

The event is open to the following Units:

- Royal Artillery.
- Royal Engineers.
- 2nd Bn., The Royal Scots.
- 1st Bn., The Middlesex Regt.
- Combined Small Units.



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Saints' defence could not cope with the machine-like movements of the Chinese forwards and the intermediate-line were continually over-worked and drawn out of position. Hussain at right back was the outstanding defender for the losers while Guy, in the pivotal position, put in much hard work. Castillo did well in his position while D. Leonard was not so prominent on the left. MacDonald tried hard in the forward line while both Santos and Gomes were seen in good movements which came to nothing against the strong Chinese defence.

Sammy Tsang played a sound game in Saints' goal and saved many good shots particularly in the first half.

South China played well and Lee Wai-tong led the line in fine style sending his forwards away with good passes and being dangerous when in possession. Chau Man-chi was again the main schemer while Chan Tak-fai was a thrustful forward. Lee Shek-yau was not so much in the picture as he had the attention of Castillo and Hussain but Lee Tak-kee was left too much alone by Leonard.

Lam Tak-po was prominent in the intermediate-line while Tsang Chum-wan and Tse Kam-hung were sound at back. Tam Kwan-kwon did not have very much to do in goal.

Saints Score First

The game started with a surprise when the Saints scored through a penalty in the first few minutes. Guy making no mistake from the "spot."

South China were awarded a penalty from which Lee Wai-tong equalised soon after and five minutes later Chan Tak-fai netted with a well-placed drive. Thereafter, South China were mostly on the offensive with sporadic raids by the Saints. Before the interval Lee Wai-tong increased the lead from the another penalty.

On resumption, it was apparent that the overworked Saints' defence would not be able to stand up to the strain. After a few minutes play Chau Man-chi found the net.

Further goals by Lee Tak-kee, Lee Shek-yau and Chan Tak-fai completed the rout.

ST. JOSEPH'S:—Sammy Tsang; Hussain; Bowen; Castillo, Guy, Leonard; Roach, Santos, MacDonald, Gomes and Flanders.

SOUTH CHINA:—Tam Kwan-kwon; Tsang Chum-wan, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang; Lee Tak-kee, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Chau Man-chi and Lee Shek-yau.

BRITAIN WINS YACHTING EVENT

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday conducted the Second Scandinavian Cup Race, which resulted in a win for Britain against Scandinavia by 39 points to 33. Britain won the morning event 21-15 and tied 18-all in the afternoon event.

The members of Britain's crews were Messrs. P. S. M. Sedgwick, J. L. Anderson, L. C. Baker, D. G. Allen, H. W. Browne, L. O'N. Thomson, T. C. Fairbairn, K. M. A. Barnett, M. I. de Ville, G. G. Wood, H. C. Taylor, and W. A. Johnson. Their Scandinavian opponents were Messrs. S. K. Heiberg, O. Fingelsen, K. Wilkens, J. Johnsen, S. Stalkland, J. V. Christensen, S. Berg, J. Krogh-Moe, L. Onstad, B. Herschend, N. O. Christensen, and N. W. Smoby.

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following are the soccer fixtures for the week ending, March 30

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26	
First Division	Middlesex
Club (Club, 5.00 p.m.)	Referee: Omar.
Linesmen:—King, Ka-pui & Edwards.	
Second Division	Service Corps
South China (Caroline Hill, 5 p.m.)	Referee: Adams.
30th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 5 p.m.)	Referee: Copsey.
Kwong Wah (Boundary Street, 5 p.m.)	Referee: Carley.
Third Division	12th R.A.
36th R.A. (Stanley, 3 p.m.)	Referee: Thorley.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

First Division	Club
Sing Tao (Club, 4.30 p.m.)	Referee: Glover.
Linesmen:—Copsey and Frazer.	
Second Division	Royal Scots
Police (Boundary Street, 4.30 p.m.)	Referee: Beard.
Linesmen:—Winder and Taylor.	
Second Division	Kit Chee
Engineers (Sookumpoo, 4.30 p.m.)	Referee: Wilson.
Kwong Wah (Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.)	Referee: Deannee.
Third Division	Sing Tao
Police (Boundary Street, 3 p.m.)	Referee: Enmons.
Fourth Division	Middlesex
Ordnance (Sookumpoo, 3 p.m.)	Referee: Fraser.
Fifth Division	South China
Navy (Causeway Bay, 3 p.m.)	Referee: Baker.
Sixth Division	30th R.A.
Club (Club, 3 p.m.)	Referee: Barretto.
Seventh Division	Signals
24th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 3 p.m.)	Referee: Edwards.
Eighth Division	International
Air Force (Chatham Road, 3 p.m.)	Referee: Williamson.
Ninth Division	36th R.A.
7th R.A. (Military, 3 p.m.)	Referee: Banham.
Tenth Division	Shell
12th R.A. (Military, 4.30 p.m.)	Referee: King, Ka-pui.
Eleventh Division	Medicals
20th R.A. (Chatham Road, 4.30 p.m.)	Referee: Lee Bing-tong.
Twelfth Division	Engineers
A.S.A. (Kowloon, 3 p.m.)	Referee: Pike.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Governor's Cup Competition	H.K.F.A.	H.K.C.A.A.F.
Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.	Referee: Marie.	
Linesmen:—Omar and Ford.		

Chinese in the Ladies' league by 9 runs to 7 and V.R.C. trounced Chung Wah by 16-3 in the play off for the junior title.

Following were yesterday's softball results:

Causeway Bay, 3 p.m.)	
Referee - Baker,	
Club	v 30th R A
(Club, 3 p.m.)	
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Two championships were decided in the Soft Ball League when Wildcats beat Canadian

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FANLING RACE RESULTS

Following are the results of yesterday racing at Fanling:—

1.—SHAMROCK HANDICAP. Flat race for Australian ponies, "D" Class. Seven furlongs.

J. B. Harrison's Schmetterling, 145 lb. (G. Treverton) 1

A.H.P.'s Dick Turpin, 148 lb. (H. J. A. Hearne) 2

I.M.M.F.'s A Good Time, 145 lb. (S. L. Yuen) 3

Won by Half a Length and short head. Time: 1.39.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$65. Places, 1st \$18.90; 2nd \$19.60.

Also ran:—Colorado Star, and Violet Queen.

2.—DUBLIN HANDICAP. Flat race for China ponies, "E" Class. 5 x furlongs.

Gray's Dow-Jones, 135 lb. (S. L. Yuen) 1

Lo Kwong-to's Heddon, 140 lb. (H. S. Chang) 2

C & L's Gallant Marshal, 135 lb. (S. W. Pan) 3

Won by Two lengths; a head. Time: 1.35.4.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$140.90. Places, 1st \$33.70; 2nd \$24.30; 3rd \$41.60.

Also ran:—Arabian Cat, Lancashire Chap, Lucky Eleven, National Liberty, National Success, Palmer, Plain View, Radium Star, and Zero.

3.—FANLING GRAND NATIONAL AND PIERCE GROVE MEMORIAL CUP. Steeplechase for China ponies, 1 1/4 miles.

W. T. Stanton's March Brown, 151 lb. (T. W. Chattey) 1

J. Feiden's Viber, 170 lb. (J. Feiden) 2

Mrs. Beryl Skipworth's Double Chance, 147 lb. (T. G. Treverton) 3

Won by Half a Length; Many lengths. Time: 4.16.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$17.40. Places, 1st \$5.70; 2nd \$5.70; 3rd \$6.40.

Also ran:—Chubby Number, Mac's Second Venture, Soldier of China and Three Farthings.

4.—HUNTERS CUP. Flat race for China ponies "D" Class. Seven furlongs.

W. T. Stanton's Royal Wedding Eve, 159 lb. (W. H. S. Davis) 1

A. H. P.'s Sylvandale, 143 lb. (H. J. A. Hearne) 2

Sunnyside's King's Wor'hy, 143 lb. (P. Wei) 3

Won by two lengths; Two lengths. Time: 1.49.2.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$8.80. Places, 1st \$5.90; 2nd \$6.90; 3rd \$6.30.

Chinese in the Ladies' league by 9 runs to 7 and V.R.C. trounced Chung Wah by 16-3 in the play off for the junior title.

Following were yesterday's softball results:

GIRLS	Wahoos	13 Panthers	7
Wildcats	9 Canadian C.	7	
MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE	Cyclones	3 Chinese	9
Mohawks	10 Canadian C.	1	
JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAY-OFF	V.R.C.	10 Chung Hwa	3

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CASH SWEEP RESULTS

Following were the results of cash sweeps at the Fanling Races yesterday.

RACE 1

No. 888 \$814.52

No. 666 232.72

No. 92 116.36

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 668, 894.

RACE 2

No. 1207 \$606.14

No. 1508 173.18

No. 395 86.59

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 842, 339, 110, 17, 465, 216, 675, 1186, 852.

RACE 3

No. 634 \$978.42

No. 105 279.55

No. 591 139.78

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 81, 805, 711, 165.

RACE 4

No. 5045 \$24,943.46

No. 43964 7,126.71

No. 4269 3,563.35

Unplaced ponies (\$494.91 each): Nos. 19170, 21705, 12416, 15238, 51857, 23910, 45346, 29213.

RACE 5

No. 260 \$1,094.01

No. 829 132.58

No. 913 156.29

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 596, 799, 228.

RACE 6

No. 170 \$1,050.35

No. 268 300.16

No. 99 150.08

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 356, 1114, 90, 334, 114.

Also ran:—Chatterbox, Oomph, Royal Highness, The Tigress, and West Lake.

5.—GOVERNOR'S CUP AND AUSTRALIAN GRAND NATIONAL. Steeplechase handicap for Australian ponies. Two miles.

G. Treverton's Brutus, 168 lb. (Treverton) 1

S. T. Williamson's Sea Urchin, 161 lb. (C. L. Gregory) 2

Capt. H. Marsh's Kiola, 145 lb. (J. Barrow) 3

Won by Many lengths; Many lengths. Time: 4.14.3.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$6.50. Places, 1st \$6; 2nd \$6.50; 3rd \$10.20.

Also ran:—Glorious Star, Spark Plug, and Tevlotdale.

6.—DUBLIN CONSOLATION CUP. Flat race for China ponies, "E" Class. Half mile.

Lee Bros.' Lancashire Chap, 141 lb. (S. W. Lee) 1

Lo Kwong-to's Heddon, 145 lb. (H. Chang) 2

Miss Fearon's Palmer, 151 lb. (T. W. Chattey) 3

Won by A neck; Two lengths. Time: 1.01.1.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$43.10. Places, 1st \$9.60; 2nd \$9.70; 3rd \$10.40.

Also ran:—Arabian Cat, Gallant Marshal, Lucky Eleven, Radium Star, and Zero.



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K.C.C. LOSE BY 4 WICKETS

At Cox's Road yesterday, Kowloon Cricket Club lost to a Dr. L. T. Ride's eleven by 4 wickets in a friendly cricket match.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB

T. A. Madar, c J. M. Gosano, b Perry	11
D. J. N. Anderson, b Mahmood	72
E. F. Fincher, c Perry, b Mahmood	23
A. Zimmermann, c Day, b Mahmood	0
E. C. Fincher, b Perry	0
N. D. Lloyd, run out	12
S. A. Gray, b Logan	12
L. R. Burch, c and b Ride	1
J. R. Luke, c Perry, c Ride	7
R. J. Fenton, not out	17
H. Brokenshire, b Day	0
Extras (B7)	7

Totals 162

Bowling	Analysis	O	M	R	W
Perry	12	1	30	2	
Mahmood	14	3	67	3	
L. G. Gosano	2	0	6	0	
G. N. Gosano	3	0	21	0	
Logan	2	0	15	1	
Ride	2	0	16	2	
Day	6	0	0	1	

DR. L. T. RIDE'S XI

C. Logan, c Gray, b Anderson	45
J. M. Gosano, lbw, b Fenton	4
L. G. Gosano, b Lloyd	4
G. N. Gosano, c Lloyd, b Anderson	19
K. J. Atwell, not out	63
E. Zimmermann, c E. C. Fincher, b Anderson	3
R. H. Griffiths, b Lloyd	12
A. E. Perry, not out	12
Extras (B3, L1H)	4

Totals (for 6 wks) 196

D. G. Day, L. T. Ride and S. Mahmood did not bat

Bowling	Analysis	O	M	R	W
Fenton	5	1	20	1	
Lloyd	13	0	56	2	
Anderson	11	0	59	3	
Burch	3	0	27	0	

GUNNERS BEAT ORDNANCE

In the Semi-Final of the Small Units Knock-Out Cricket Competition at Sookunpoo yesterday, 5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery defeated Royal Army Ordnance by 62 runs.

5TH A.A. R.A.

Gnr. Dobbinson, b Boocock	19
Bdr. Barsby, b Boocock	24
Lieut. T. A. Pearce, lbw, b Boocock	8
Lieut. Plummer, c Emberson, b Haskins	1
Lieut. J. L. C. Pearce, c and b Emberson	27
Lieut. Clague, c Roberts, b Boocock	31
L/Bdr. Sidders, c Roberts, b Emberson	1
Gnr. Martin, c Pinder, b Emberson	8
Sgt. Morgan, b Boocock	4
Gnr. McCaddon, c Stoner, b Emberson	4
Gnr. Baker, not out	0
Extras (W1, B5)	0

Totals 133

Bowling	Analysis	O	M	R	W
Boocock	14	3	52	5	
Emberson	9	0	53	4	
Haskins	5	0	22	1	

R.A.O.C.

L/Cpl. Stonor, lbw, b T. A. Pearce	11
L/Cpl. Pinder, st, b T. A. Pearce	27
Cpl. Reynolds, c T. A. Pearce, b Clague	0
S/Cdr. Gardner, c Clague, b T. A. Pearce	0
Sgt. Muntion, c Clague, b T. A. Pearce	13
Pte. Barnes, c J. L. C. Pearce, b T. A. Pearce	0
S/Sgt. Emberson, b T. A. Pearce	11
Sgt. Boocock, b T. A. Pearce	0
L/Cpl. Roberts, lbw, b Barsby	0
Pte. Merrick, b T. A. Pearce	0
Sgt. Haskins, not out	0
Extras (B5)	9

Totals 71

Bowling	Analysis	O	M	R	W
Clague	8	1	19	1	
Plummer	4	1	8	0	
T. A. Pearce	8	3	30	8	
Barsby	5	1	5	1	

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Following are to-day's Badminton Championship fixtures:—
AT KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB
Mixed Doubles

P. Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro v J. Odell and Miss J. Choa (7 p.m.).
P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo v J. J. Remedios and Mrs. Silva (9 p.m.).

Senior Singles
C. Au v F. Koh (7.30 p.m.).
Junior Singles
R. M. Lavalie v Peter Lo (9.45 p.m.).

Men's Senior Doubles
S. Amplavanar and C. K. Cheah v M. P. and Y. P. Yoo Ng (8.15 p.m.).

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

CRICKET

Kowloon Cricket Club seem almost certain to retain the Senior League cricket championship as the result of Craigengower's defeat by Indian Recreation Club by 125 runs on Saturday.

Several friendly matches were played on Saturday and the following were the best performances.

BATTING

Murphy	57
G. N. Gosano	53
Lieut. Plummer	53
K. M. Baxter	51
F. J. Remedios	41
A. R. Sufiad	34
A. H. Madar	33
A. R. Minu	32
T. A. Madar	31
R. G. Wildblood	31
J. E. Richardson	30

BOWLING

H. L. Ozorio	7 for 75
Dixon	6 for 13
A. R. Minu	6 for 20
Coombes	5 for 36
West	5 for 70
Murphy	4 for 16
Sgt. Denyer	4 for 17
E. Mazusa	4 for 25
Barton	4 for 29
A. H. Madar	4 for 30

FOOTBALL

The sensational win of Navy over Eastern in the Semi-final of the Senior Shield and the overwhelming victory of Kowloon over Police in First Division were the outstanding features of Saturday's football programme.

A number of league games were played and some big scores registered during the afternoon.

The positions of the leading teams in Second and Third Division are not changed.

RACING

Excellent sport was provided at the First Extra Race Meeting on Saturday which was held in brilliant weather.

Endeavour provided the biggest upset by winning the Melbourne cup and paying \$150.90 for a win.

RUGBY

A friendly Rugby game between fifteens captained by A. F. Walkden and Lieut. Carter, R.N., was played on the Navy ground on Saturday, resulting in a victory for Walkden's XV by three goals (15 points) to a goal (5 points).

POLICE SOCCER EXPERIMENT

Introducing four new players in their team as an experiment, Police will entertain a team from the Signal Section of Stonecutters in a game at Boundary Street next Wednesday afternoon, commencing at 5 p.m.

The new recruits are Tsang Wing (goalkeeper), Hui Fok-yuen (left-back), Chan Tak-fai and Fang Pak-chang (forwards).



TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

Open Singles

R. E. Guest v Pang Oi-lam (1).
George Choa v T. J. Gould (7).

Open Doubles

Lieut. J. S. Theobald and Capt. P. J. Chowdhury v I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu (3); Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher (5); M. Pagh and Lieut. Shields Goodman v Ho Ka-lau and K. H. Yip (8).

Club Championship

T. A. Pearce v C. H. R. Oxlade (6).

Club Handicap Doubles

A. K. Mackenzie and A. C. I. Bowker (-3/6) v E. R. Childs and S. L. Maughan (-2/6) (4); H. E. Waller and E. S. Hall (plus 3/6) v R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (-3/6) (2).

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DIRECT HITS ON BARRACKS

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Two direct hits were scored on the Quiberon barrack block almost simultaneously with heavy bombs. The blast shook an attacking Blenheim 1,000 feet above. At least half the building was seen to be demolished.

Visibility was less than 100 yards when an escorting (flak) ship was attacked near Brest. Two bombs were dropped, one of which hit the vessel.

The British airmen repeatedly saw evidence of the real sympathies of people in occupied France.

"We flew low along miles of coast," said a pilot, "and every time we passed over French fishing boats, fishermen mending nets on shore, or people near the beaches, they waved cheerfully as soon as they saw our British markings." British Wireless.

JAPAN'S GUESS

PREDICTION THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL ENTER THE EUROPEAN WAR BY JUNE AT THE LATEST, AND POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS NEXT MONTH, IS MADE IN THE TOKYO "YOMIURI SHIMBUN."

The paper asserts that escorting United States convoys with food and war supplies for Britain will be the fuse setting off American participation. —Reuter.

Warm Tribute By Member Of Cabinet

MR. OLIVER LYTTTELTON, President of the Board of Trade, paid a warm tribute to the statesmanship of President Roosevelt and the farsightedness of the American people in legalising the Lease and Lend Bill when he opened Aldershot's war weapons week yesterday.

"I cannot help think this is the most generous gesture that has ever been made," said Mr. Lyttelton. "No Englishman should ever forget what the U.S.A. has done for us in the year 1941."

KING'S MESSAGE TO PLYMOUTH

THE KING WHO, WITH THE QUEEN, VISITED PLYMOUTH THE DAY BEFORE THE FIRST OF THE TWO SUCCESSIVE NIGHT RAIDS, HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO VISCOUNTESS ASTOR, LADY MAYOR OF PLYMOUTH:

"Whatever the people of Plymouth may be called on to suffer, we feel quite certain that the spirit of the West Country will rise above it." Reuter.

"In the deathly hush which we feel may be a prelude to terrible events we suddenly hear the heart beat of America. There is no one here who should not think to himself every morning of his life of what has been done for us."

While stressing the value of American aid Mr. Lyttelton insisted at the same time that Britain should not show she had exhausted all means of helping herself.

Striking Figures

That this was not so he made clear by recounting to his Aldershot audience striking sums "per head" raised by towns and villages throughout the realm in support of the war effort.

The little town of Heckmondwike, in Yorkshire, for instance, had saved £42.7.0 per head in its war weapons week. Silsden, also in Yorkshire, saved £30.2.4 while Edinburgh's contribution was the equivalent of over £25 per citizen.

Advocating a cutting down of luxuries by every citizen, Mr. Lyttelton said: "We are faced with a simple alternative. Either we must cut down the numbers of the fighting forces — or reduce the standard of their equipment, or we must reduce our standard of living."

"I think everyone would say we will suffer any privations necessary to gain victory." —British Wireless.

VICHY'S SUPPLY PROPOSALS

A STATEMENT THAT BOTH OCCUPIED AND UNOCCUPIED FRANCE ARE TO BE SUPPLIED WITH FRUIT, VEGETABLES AND MUTTON FROM NORTH AFRICA IN INCREASING AMOUNTS, IS CREDITED TO M. ROCH, DIRECTOR OF VICHY'S MINISTRY OF SUPPLY, IN AN INTERVIEW QUOTED BY THE OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY YESTERDAY.

To facilitate distribution, said M. Roch, destination of the food would be determined before it left Algiers. One-third of the supplies would go to Paris and the remainder to the rest of France.

The arrangement, he added, was the result of recent talks between Vichy and the governments of Algeria, Morocco and Tunis. —Reuter.

BUS ACCIDENT

Private Cawley, R.A.M.C., was admitted to the Combined Military Hospital, Whitfield Barracks, last night suffering from shock and abrasions sustained when he fell off a motor-bus in Nathan Road.

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STOP PRESS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
Reports reaching International News suggest that Germany is now trying to persuade Admiral Darlan to accept a scheme whereby the French Fleet would convey not only French ships but German and Italian vessels as well.
Admiral Darlan's frequent trips to Paris are the cause of much speculation and comment. International News Service.



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Lend And Lease To China

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Administration leaders in Washington predicted yesterday that extension of aid to China under the Lend and Lease Act will start soon.

This prediction follows a message received from General Chiang Kai-shek assuring President Roosevelt that China will continue to press the war to a successful conclusion.

Substantial numbers of pursuit and interceptor planes, it is anticipated, will be on the way to China soon to counter the renewed Japanese bombings in China. —International News Service.

FILM STAR A PRIVATE IN "B" COMPANY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
James Stewart, the film star who is now an Army private, answered his first reveille yesterday morning when he stood in formation as a member of "B" Company in Los Angeles. —International News Service.

Country Bitterly Hostile To Any Capitulation

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IN THE HEAVY FOG OF RUMOUR, CAREFULLY DISPENSED NAZI PROPAGANDA AND OFFICIAL SECRECY, WHICH HAS SPREAD ITSELF OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN YUGOSLAVIA, AN ACCURATE OUTLINE OF THE NEXT PHASE IN THE GAME IS DIFFICULT TO DISCERN.

Some quarters in Belgrade were forecasting yesterday that an official announcement may be expected at any moment that the Yugoslav Prime Minister and Foreign Minister have gone to Germany to sign the Tripartite Pact, with reservations.

On the other hand, it is also reported that at a luncheon conference held yesterday between the Regent, Prince Paul, and the Premier, Prince Paul expressed strong objection to the Premier's choice of individuals to fill the gaps in his badly disunited Cabinet.

Belgrade rumours included one to the effect that Hitler himself has conveyed, through the German Minister, a demand that the Yugoslav Cabinet be reconstructed within 48 hours and that then Yugoslavia must join the Axis.

Heeren, that the three new members of the Cabinet would be sworn in before midnight.

It is still insisted that a special train is waiting to take the Premier and M. Marcovich to Vienna in the event that signature of an agreement with Germany is decided upon. —International News Service.

ENORMOUS AIR STRENGTH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, in a broadcast yesterday declared that great stores of hidden aircraft were ready to soar into the skies in the greatest numbers and strength in British aerial history.

Paying a deep tribute to Anglo-American cooperation in the fight against aggression, Lord Beaverbrook declared Britain's plane output has reached record proportions.

He said faster and deadlier types of bombers and fighters are ready for battle now. — International News Service.

BRITISH FORCE ASTRIDE ABYSSINIA CROSS-ROADS

THE IMPORTANCE OF NEGHELLI, WHICH HAS JUST BEEN CAPTURED BY BRITISH TROOPS, LIES IN THE FACT THAT IT DOMINATES THE CROSSROAD LEADING TO NORTH, EAST AND WEST.

The Imperial forces are now in a position to strike due north in the direction of Addis Ababa, about 275 miles away.

The country is low-lying and a track running through the valleys would enable the British forces to make fairly unhampered progress, according to a military expert in London yesterday.

The fall of Neghelli is a particularly bitter blow to Graziani, who was given the title Marquis of Neghelli in recognition of his rapid advance when Italy invaded Abyssinia.

Meanwhile, intense patrol activity plays a large part in the British siege methods round Keren (Eritrea).

Patrol Encounter

When a British patrol encountered an enemy force in the neighbourhood of one fort they summoned artillery support.

The British guns promptly opened fire, aided by which the British party inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and took 130 prisoners all without loss to themselves.

An example of the courage and endurance of the Imperial troops is furnished by two Indian machine-gunners who were lost on a mountain peak but, when found by a British patrol 48 hours later, were still manning their post. —Reuter.

SOVIET GUARANTEE TO TURKEY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was reported in Istanbul yesterday that Russia has promised to continue her neutrality in the event that Turkey is forced to enter the war.

It is reliably learned that both nations, in an exchange of Notes, formally expressed a desire to renew their existing pacts of friendship.

A report from Ankara states that Russia has assured Turkey that "certain" territories will be guaranteed by Russia.

A Russo-Turkish declaration is expected to be issued in which Russia will re-affirm her intention of respecting her non-aggression pact with Turkey and will guarantee the Eastern

Feeling in the country, however, is bitterly hostile to any capitulation.

Popular demonstrations against any form of surrender to German pressure swept the Provinces after a report that the Premier had assured the German Minister, von

APPROVAL TO-DAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
ADMINISTRATION LEADERS PREDICTED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY THAT THE SEVEN BILLION DOLLAR APPROPRIATION FOR FINANCING THE LEASE AND LEND PROGRAMME WILL RECEIVE FINAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL TO-DAY.

They said the measure will be flown by a fast Navy plane to President Roosevelt, who is yachting in Florida waters. —International News Service.

Caucasian provinces in case Turkey is involved in war. Ankara diplomatic sources state that this new move will profoundly affect the whole situation in the Balkans, especially in Yugoslavia. —International News Service.



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Matsuoka Affirms Policy Of The Tripartite Alliance

CLANDESTINE NAZI MEETING IN SANTIAGO

A clandestine conference in Santiago of the German Ambassadors to Argentina, Chile and Peru has deeply disturbed public opinion in Peru, according to a Lima despatch.

The despatch quotes a press demand that the Peruvian Government should "investigate what plot was hatched at Santiago."—Reuter.

GERMANY'S AMBASSADOR TURNS UP LATE!

MEMBERS OF THE diplomatic missions of all countries which so far have adhered to the Three-Power Pact met Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, on his arrival in Moscow yesterday afternoon, en route to Berlin.

The Soviet Government was represented, among others, by M. Lozovsky, Vice-Foreign Minister, and M. Parapkin, head of the Japanese Department of the Foreign Commissariat.

The German Ambassador, von der Schulenberg, arrived late. He apologised to Mr. Matsuoka in English.

Mr. Matsuoka will pay a courtesy call on M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, to-day, and leave for Berlin and Rome to-night.

Japanese circles in Moscow indicate he is expected to return via Moscow on April 16. The crowd at the station platform yesterday had a long wait for the Japanese Foreign Minister's arrival was delayed two hours by a blizzard which has been blowing for the past two days.

Mr. Matsuoka, in a press interview, said: "The fundamental interests of nations decide their policy in the long run, but peace or war may sometimes be decided by personal acquaintance."

He then recalled he was invited during a telephone call from Ribbentrop to visit the Axis capitals after the signature of the Tri-Partite Pact last September.

Pact As The Pivot

Mr. Matsuoka mentioned he had a lengthy conversation with Mussolini eight years ago and also met Count Ciano in Shanghai, but had had no chance of making the acquaintance of German leaders.

He continued: "The foreign policy of Japan will revolve round the Tri-Partite Pact as pivot."

"It is natural for me, as Japanese Foreign Minister who helped conclude the pact, to visit the German leaders."

"I have no particular aim in mind in coming to Europe. I may have a chance to make personal observation on the situation in Western Europe and especially of the war now going on."

Mr. Matsuoka said he had no hard and fixed itinerary but did not want to be absent from Japan longer than six weeks.

Soviet Courtesy

He had been shown every possible courtesy in Moscow. He would like on his way back to stop in Moscow and see the Soviet leaders too.

Mr. Matsuoka stated that no tour of the Western battlefields was yet included in his programme but he would like to see them if he had time.—Reuter.

N.Z. MEAT EXPORTS TO BE REDUCED

New Zealand's exports of meat will be drastically cut as a result of British Government decisions based on the shipping position.

The New Zealand Government has decided that New Zealand freezing works shall, from to-day, accept for freezing for export only lamb, prime beef and porker pigs up to 120 lbs.—Reuter.



General Smuts, photographed on his arrival in Kenya for a tour of inspection of the South African forces.

SEEING THE BLITZ FROM A NEW ANGLE

TO SPEND EVEN a day or two with A.A. gunners is to see the aerial blitz from a new angle, writes a London correspondent.

During a visit I have just paid to a gun crew in the West I found myself commiserating with gun crews who had watched the heavens for a cold month without so much as seeing a single German aeroplane, and rejoicing with the lucky ones who count on going into action at least twice a week.

While it lasts the operation is intense, but, as a rule, it is over all too soon and the enemy machines have passed into the range of other batteries. Below ground on the gun site and immediately adjoining the gun and the predictor, with its uncanny power of discovering the height, direction, speed and location of an aeroplane and automatically fitting the shell fuse, is the operation room.

Here, on a square chart, the probable course of an aeroplane crossing the Channel is plotted. As it approaches shells scream into the darkness.

The heavy A.A. gunners are convinced to a man that they bring down or wing more machines by far than they are ever credited with. The light batteries have less practice, for they are mainly concerned with low-flying aircraft and dive-bombers.

Community Life

Gunners live a lonely life. Many gites are on hill-tops or far from town or village, and the men have to provide their own entertainment, although occasionally an ENSA concert party visits them.

The chaplain is a welcome visitor. I heard it said that whatever day he came it was Sunday. He holds a service in a hut, but the moment an alarm sounds everybody runs. One service the other day was interrupted three times in this way, but each time all the men came back.

Most of the gun crews are on duty in the gun pits for two hours and of duty for four, but the period varies. Every man, however, is certain of 24 hours' complete rest each week and 48 hours once a month.

Twenty-four hours is not long enough to enable some of them to get to their homes, but officers arrange with local people to "adopt" the men and provide

baths and bed during the rest period. One farmer's widow calls her house "The Garrison."

Not Losing The Cook

The most precious possession of a gun-site or searchlight position is a good cook, and such treasures seem more abundant than one might expect. It was heartening to hear again, "We've got a first-rate cook and we don't mean to lose him."

Of course, there are complaints; there would be something suspicious about a soldier who did not grumble. That most frequently heard concerned the delay of contractors in erecting huts. Too many huts still have only mud floors. In one camp the men, in desperation, had taken the dumped material and erected the hut themselves.

In spite of separation from the outer world and continuous exposure the A.A. gunners are extraordinarily fit.

IF ENGLAND FALLS....

"If England falls there will be no freedom for the people of England nor for the people of Ireland."

This statement was made by Senator Joseph O'Mahoney, of Wyoming, in a speech before a charitable Irish Society in Boston.

He added: "It would be necessary for the people of America to assure for ten generations the burden of armament so that the dictators shall be permitted to strike down liberties and institutions which Irishmen everywhere revere."—Reuter.

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SERBIANS AND ARMY HOLD OUT

Widespread Yugoslav Concessions Unlikely

Cabinet Would Be Prevented!

THE SERBIAN ELEMENT AND THE ARMY LEADERS IN YUGOSLAVIA WILL PREVENT WIDESPREAD CONCESSIONS TO GERMANY, THE TURKISH "ULUS" DECLARED YESTERDAY.

Ankara radio last night broadcast a precis of a long article on Yugoslavia which was published in this newspaper.

The article declares that while the resignation of three Yugoslav Ministers indicates that opposition to surrender has not been entirely successful, those in favour of concessions will not be allowed by the Serbian element and military leaders to go very far.

Yugoslavia knows, it continues, that once foreign legions enter the country, "pledges in black and white will dwindle into scraps of paper."

Hence, it adds, Yugoslavia is continuing to strengthen the army.

THE PAPER SAYS IT CAN BE MOST STRONGLY BELIEVED THAT THE YUGOSLAV ARMY WOULD NOT PERMIT YUGOSLAV TERRITORIES TO BE THE INSTRUMENT OF ANY PLOT AGAINST THE GREEK ARMY.

The announcer concluded: "While German pressure continues on one hand Yugoslav national resistance becomes all the more imminent — especially as the voice of the Yugoslav press is emphatic on the subject of no concessions of national sovereignty and independence."

No Solution Yet

Belgrade reports show that Yugoslavia's political crisis appears to be little nearer a solution despite reports that the posts of the three Serb Ministers, who resigned on Friday as a protest against acceptance of the Nazi terms, have now been filled.

With the critical decision still in the balance, the visit of Yugoslav statesmen to Vienna still hangs fire, though a special train was reported to be standing by during the week-end ready to leave at a moment's notice if required.

Meanwhile, a meeting of the Federation of Reserve Officers of Yugoslavia on Saturday unanimously passed a resolution protesting against any plan to "conclude an agreement not in harmony with our national honour and independence."

Protest To Regent

A protest has been sent to the Regent, Prince Paul, and the Premier.

After passing the resolution the officers broke up their meeting and declined to proceed with other business in order to emphasise their protest.

The Reserve Officers did not disband their organisation, but merely broke off this meeting. — Reuter.

ELBOW FRACTURED

An Indian watchman employed by Sheum's Circus in Cheungshan Road, was remanded for a week on \$100 bail by Mr. H. C. Macmahon at Kowloon this morning on a charge of assaulting Lo Chi-him, 31, hawkler, at present in the Kowloon Hospital.

Inspector W. H. Nolloth said that last night while complainant was peeping over the fence at the circus, accused went up and struck him with a stick on the left elbow, resulting in a fracture and dislocation of the limb.

INTENSE AERIAL ACTIVITY

Intense aerial activity in Italian East Africa, in support of army operations, is reported in an R.A.F. communique released in Cairo yesterday.

R.A.F. bombers and fighters repeatedly attacked enemy positions in the Keren area.

The railway station at Asmara was attacked on Saturday and during the raid British fighters engaged a number of Fiat fighters and shot down two in flames.

Three other Fiat fighters were destroyed in the same area by the same squadron on the previous day.

In the Gondar area fires were started among buildings, following an attack by R.A.F. bombers on barracks and warehouses.

Train Burned Out

South African bombers attacked trains on the Djibouti-Addis Ababa railway, destroying at least one train, which burned out after receiving a direct hit from a salvo of bombs.

R.A.F. bombers also machine-gunned trains at Aldem and Gota and bombed and machine-gunned a large concentration of enemy motor transport on the road between Urso and Awash, and an enemy position in Marda Pass. — Reuter.

A STUPID TRICK

A PRACTICAL "JOKER" WAS APPARENTLY ABOARD IN KOWLOON THIS MORNING AT THE EXPENSE OF THE FIRE BRIGADE WHICH RUSHED OUT IN REPLY TO AN ALARM AT 9.45 O'CLOCK.

Reaching the neighbourhood from which the alarm originated, fire fighters found that the glass covering the automatic fire alarm at the junction of Austin and Nathan Roads had been smashed.

NEW VENTURE IN DIPLOMACY

An announcement is expected very soon that China and Australia have decided to enter into normal diplomatic relations with an exchange of Ministers, says the "China Times" in Chungking.

The paper adds that such a step would strengthen the friendly relations and commercial ties between the two nations. — Reuter.

CAIRO OFFER OF AID TO YUGOSLAVIA

SOME FACTORS which should encourage Yugoslavia to stand firm in face of the German demands, were indicated by British official circles in Cairo yesterday.

It was declared that the action of the three Yugoslav Ministers who resigned as a protest against the Government's majority vote in favour of the German terms, will be applauded in Yugoslavia as a whole, and the Yugoslav Government can take this popular feeling into account.

Another element which cannot fail to be considered is the recent conversation between the British and Turkish Foreign Ministers at Cyprus, which, as was stressed both in Cairo and Ankara, re-emphasised the complete Anglo-Turkish identity of views.

The Yugoslav Government also is doubtless taking into account the help in material and munitions and naval and air support which Britain is giving Greece and on which Yugoslavia would likewise be able to call if attacked by Germany.

The Yugoslav Government must also have observed signs of a growing conviction in Germany that the military hazards of a Balkan campaign are greatly increased by the growing Italian difficulties in East Africa.

ALL THESE CONSIDERATIONS SUGGEST VERY CLEARLY THE COURSE WHICH HER OWN INTEREST AND THOSE OF HER NEIGHBOURS DEMAND IS FOR YUGOSLAVIA TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLES OF GREECE AND TURKEY AND STAND FIRM BEFORE GERMAN THREATS. — REUTER.

STOYADINOVICH GOES TO GREECE

M. Milan Stoyadinovich, former Yugoslav Premier, who is now in British hands, received his passport at his own request and left for Greece "at his own free will," declared the official Yugoslav news agency in Belgrade yesterday. — Reuter.

Spain's 'Neutral' Position

Spain's ability to retain a neutral attitude in the present war was given special emphasis in the first official Spanish reference to foreign policy since the passing of the American Lease and Lend Bill.

The Under-Secretary of the Press and Propaganda Ministry in Madrid, Antonio Tovar, who accompanied the Foreign Minister, Senor Saner, to Germany and Italy recently, said yesterday:

"The most serious risks are inherent in our geographical position. We cannot live unarmoured or unwatchful."

Senor Tovar added that Spain to-day wanted to emerge from centuries of retirement.

Hitler's present actions recalled those of Napoleon but whereas Napoleon was a scourge for Spain, Hitler was a scourge for those who had reduced Spain to a third-class power—France and England. — Reuter.

WHICH WAY TO TURN?

"Hitler knows that the world knows and that his own people know something has gone wrong and that he has not been winning the war according to schedule," says the "Charlottesville Observer."

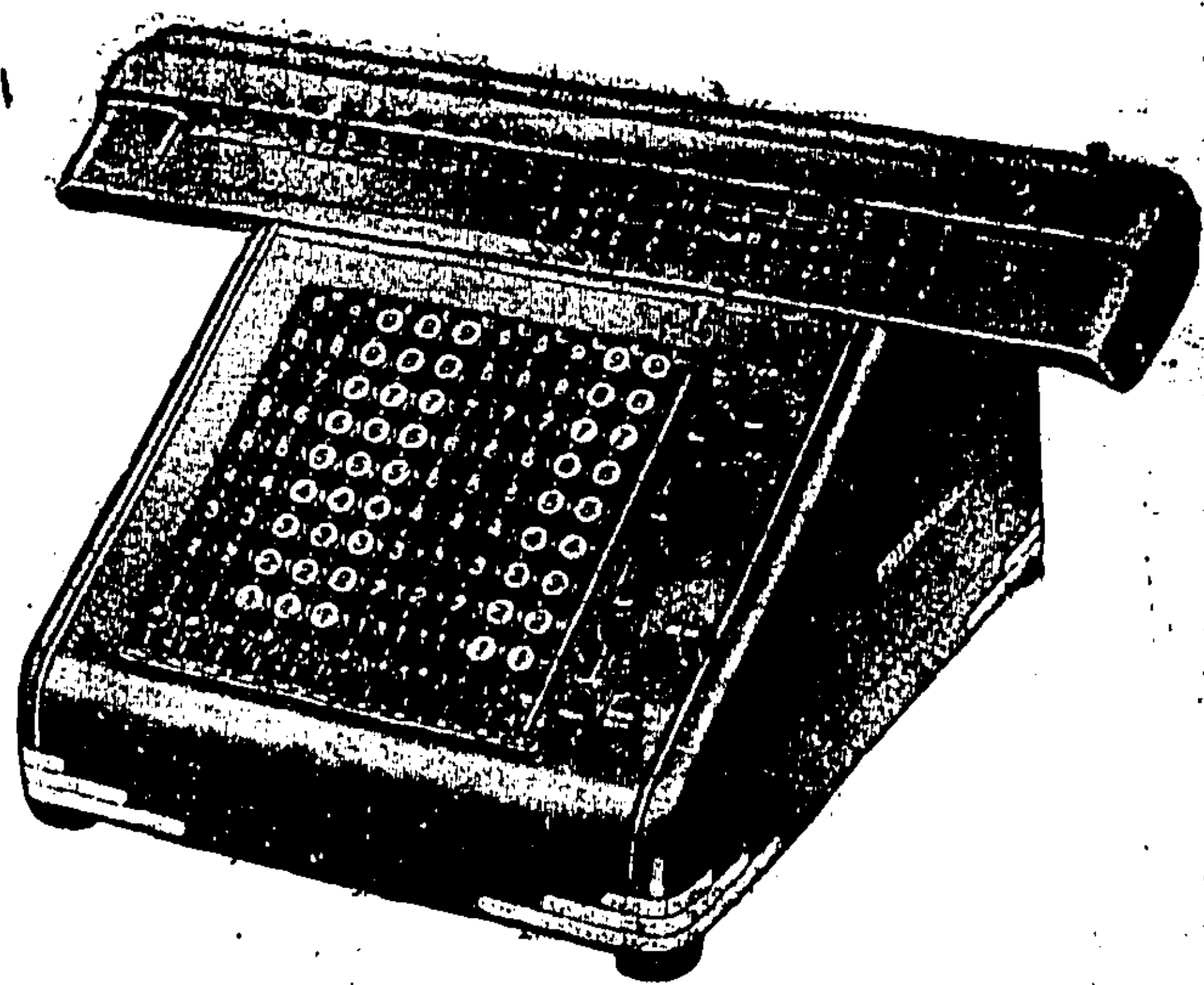
The paper adds: "They know that Great Britain has thwarted his purposes in the British Isles and in Africa and that the Greeks sorely disappointed him in the south-east."

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knows, and some of his own people may know, that for the last several months he has been acting like a desperate man of thwarted purpose who couldn't decide which way to turn next." — Reuter.

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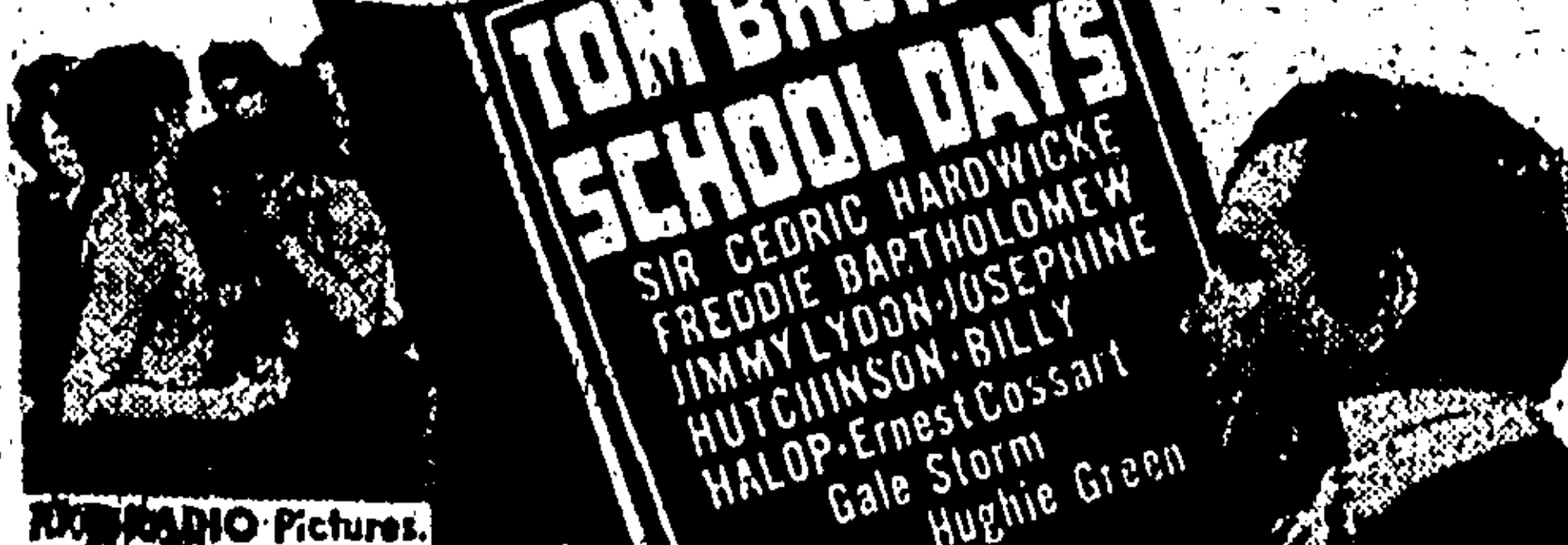
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BRITAIN DEDICATED ANEW TO CRUSADE AGAINST TYRANNY

YESTERDAY WAS observed, by the wish of the King, as a National Day of Prayer, and all over Britain people knelt to dedicate themselves anew to the crusade against tyranny.

The King himself, with the Queen and the Princesses, attended one Service with local residents. There were 1,500 in the Crypt under St. Paul's Cathedral, and thousands of Catholics filed into Westminster Cathedral as Mass was said every half hour throughout the morning.

Millions gathered in churches, chapels and synagogues and Salvation Army citadels. Often they raised their heads in prayer to see scars inflicted by bomb and fire and shattered windows.

In the middle of a North of Scotland Service, nearby guns crashed out and brought down a German bomber. The Service continued amid the din and none of the congregation left. THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, BROADCASTING IN THE EVENING, SAID: "HAVE WE NOT REASON TO FEEL EXALTED BY THE THOUGHT THAT IT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US OF THIS GENERATION TO MAINTAIN THE GREATEST

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"Think of the millions in countries now enslaved by the enemy who are longing for the victory of our arms to bring them deliverance."

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Cardinal Hinsley, broadcasting, said: "In this deadly conflict we are pitted against the powers of darkness which have unleashed a satanic campaign against God — against not only the revealed religion of Christ but against natural religion, in which the reason of man may find justice, truth and brotherhood."

"For or against God — that is now the supreme issue of this conflict."

In Empire Also

The King's request that yesterday should be observed as a Day of Prayer was observed in the Empire countries.

Messages state that special services were held in almost every town and village throughout South Africa, while in India prayer in Moslem mosques and Hindu temples joined those in Churches. — Reuter.

JAPAN'S GUESS

PREDICTION THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL ENTER THE EUROPEAN WAR BY JUNE AT THE LATEST, AND POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS NEXT MONTH, IS MADE IN THE TOKYO "YOMIURI SHIMBUN."

The paper asserts that escorting United States convoys with food and war supplies for Britain will be the sure setting off American participation. — Reuter.

NAZI U-BOAT BASE IN BRITTANY DESTROYED

Coastal Command aircraft paid a visit to the French coast yesterday morning, destroyed a German barrack block at the port of Quiberon, the submarine base in Brittany, and scored a direct hit on an enemy escort vessel near Brest.

No British aircraft are missing from these operations, adds the Air Ministry communique. — Reuter.

DIRECT HITS ON BARRACKS

Further details of yesterday's R.A.F. attacks are given by the Air Ministry news service.

Two direct hits were scored on the Quiberon barrack block almost simultaneously with heavy bombs. The blast shook an attacking Blenheim 1,000 feet above. At least half the building was seen to be demolished.

Visibility was less than 100 yards when an escorting (flak) ship was attacked near Brest. Two bombs were dropped, one of which hit the vessel.

The British airmen repeatedly saw evidence of the real sympathies of people in occupied France.

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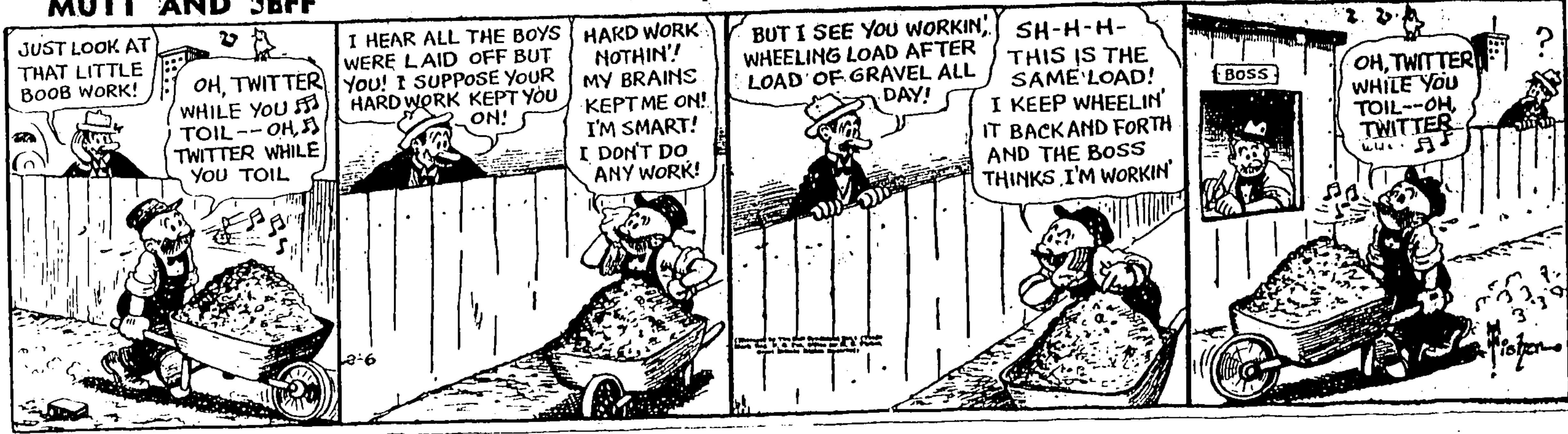
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To face late distribution, said M. Roch, destination of the food would be determined before it left Algeria. One-third of the supplies would go to Paris and the remainder to the rest of France.

The arrangement, he added, was the result of recent talks between Vichy and the governments of Algeria, Morocco and Tunis.—Reuter.

BUS ACCIDENT

Private Cawley, R.A.M.C., was admitted to the Combined Military Hospital, Whitfield Barracks, last night suffering from shock and abrasions sustained when he fell off a motor-bus in Nathan Road.

LESS SHELL SHOCK IN THIS WAR THAN IN LAST

EXPERIENCE GAINED in the Spanish Civil War is helping the Ministry of Health and the London County Council to combat cases of civilian "bomb shock" and "shelter neurosis."

"British civilians are standing up to war strain magnificently," a Government psychiatrist told a London reporter. "The Spanish war produced 10 times the number of neurosis cases in the same period."

"We had provided for numbers far in excess of those we have had to handle. Despite the nightly blitz, shell-shock, as we used to term it, is much less frequent in this war than it was in the last."

Living conditions have much to do with war nerves. Mind doctors are still fighting the effects of Dunkirk, whereas the great naval actions of this war have produced hardly a single case.

Conditions on board ship are more or less those of the home, while soldiers who were evacuated from Dunkirk spent days on the beaches and sometimes two or three hours in the water.

Corps Of Experts

The work of "mind habilitation" has advanced to such an extent that additions are being

made to the corps of psychiatrists and psychologists who are working at Government and L.C.C. centres all over the country to combat war neurosis.

When the war broke out, the Ministry of Health obtained the advance of a Barcelona psychiatrist, who had two years' experience of the effect of warfare on the civilian mind. In the light of his knowledge and that gained in the last war, a nation-wide network of "mind hospitals" was organised.

This experience shows that treatment must be immediate to be effective. It is to enable victims of fear and anxiety neurosis to be taken in hand before the trouble becomes too deep-seated that this special service is being augmented.

It has been found that one frequent cause of war neurosis is the fear of being thought to be afraid.

War neurosis can also be brought on by an accumulation of minor worries which have only an indirect bearing on war—a feeling of insecurity, breaking up of family life, exacting work in difficult circumstances, and travelling discomforts.

Value Of Work

Research over a fair period shows that wardens, fire watchers, A. F. S. men and women, and other civil defence workers are far less prone to war neurosis than those who sit idly during an air raid.

Insufficient air and light in blacked-out rooms or shelters is a further cause of neurosis.

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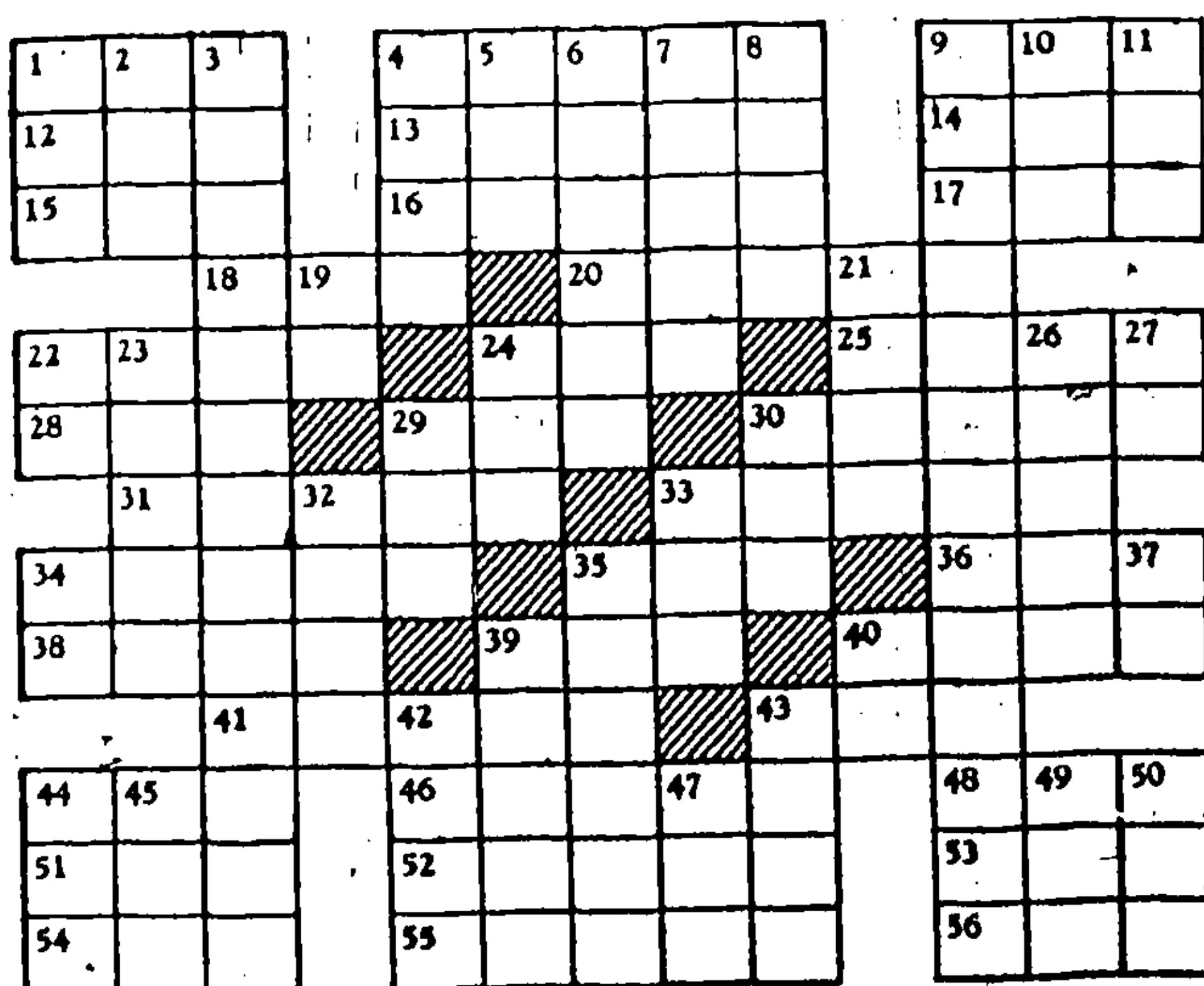
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- 29 Sparoid fish
- 30 Hurry
- 31 External
- 33 Boundary
- 34 Bracing medicine
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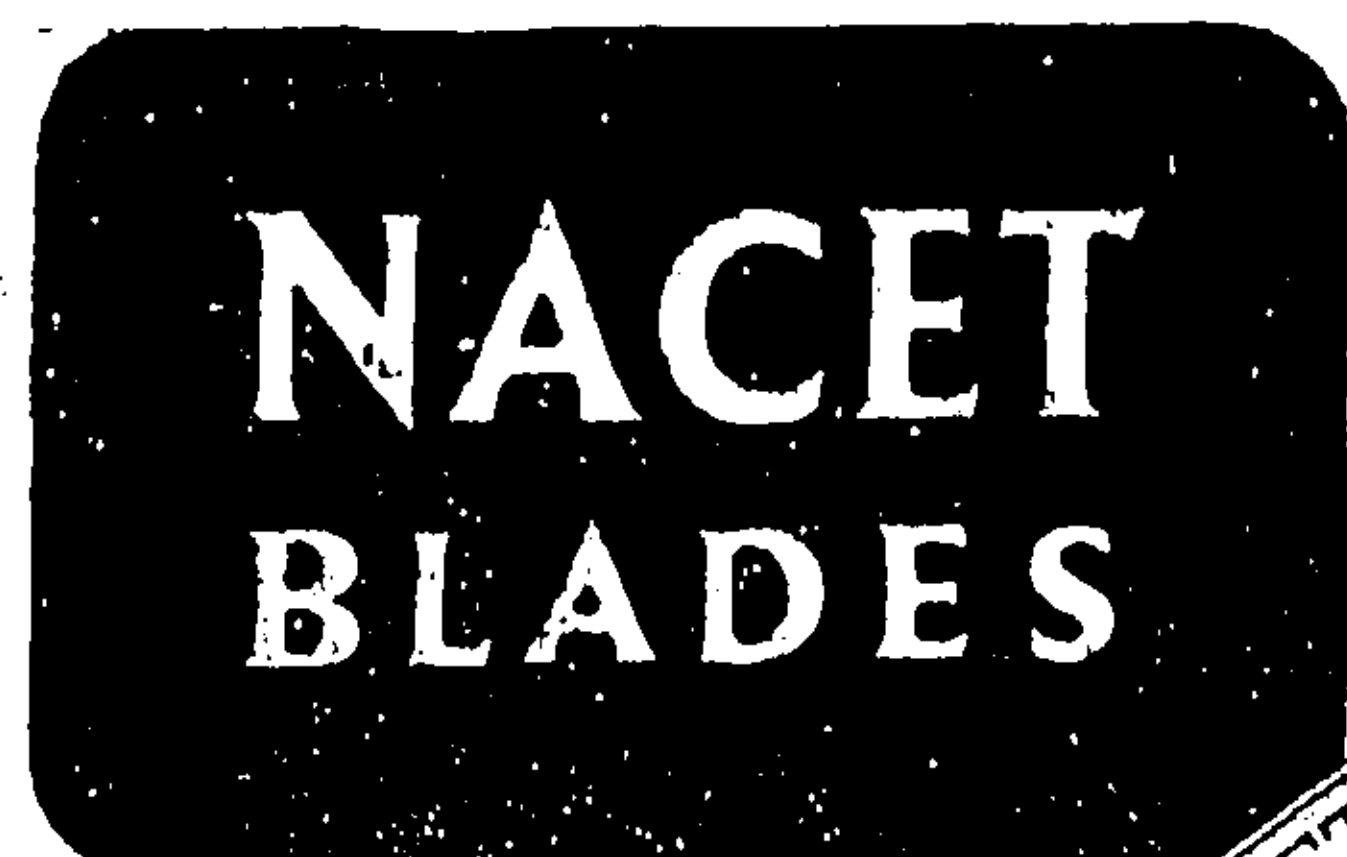
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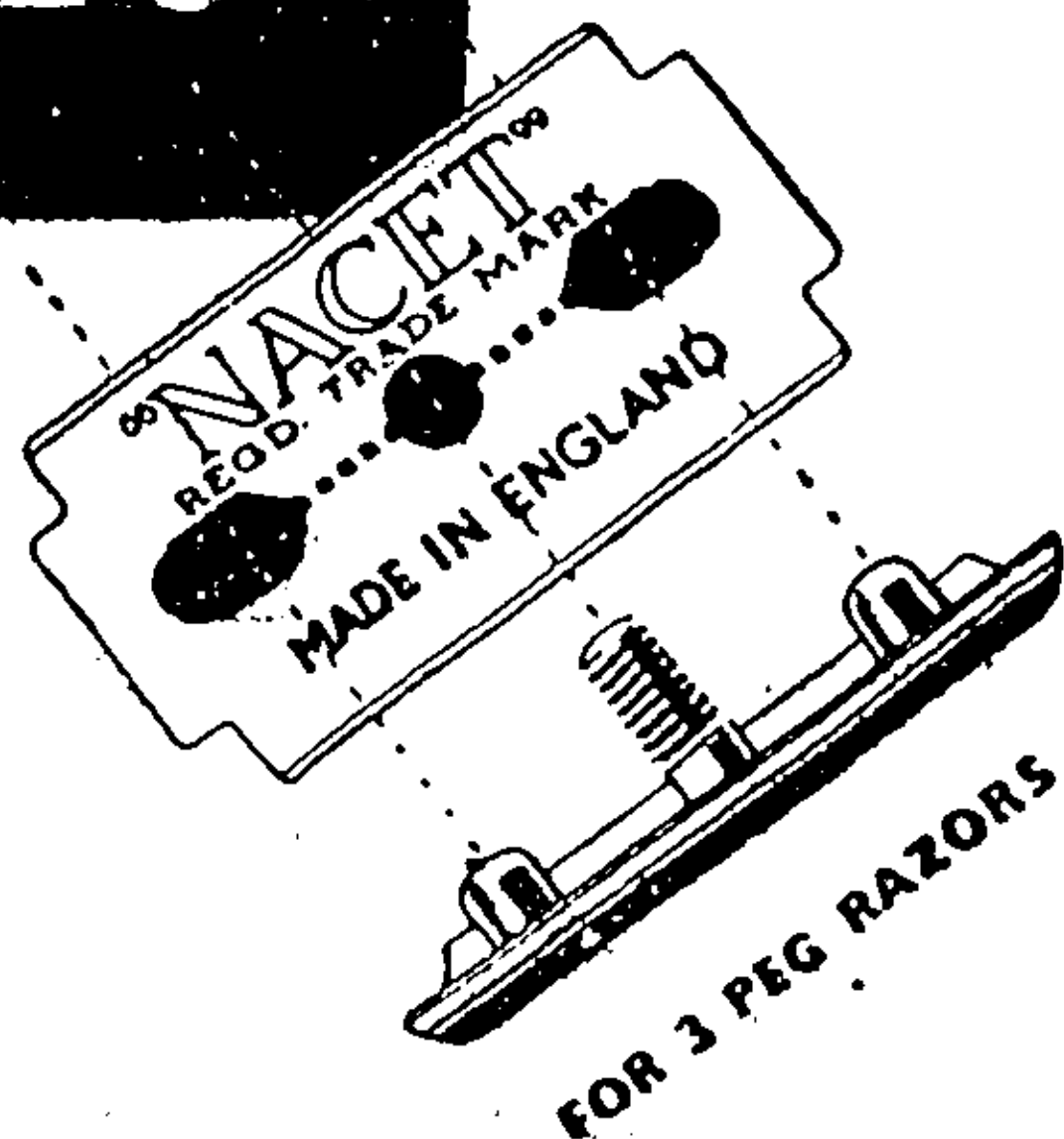
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Two Bombers Shot Down During Thin Daylight Visit

TWO GERMAN BOMBERS WERE DESTROYED OVER BRITAIN YESTERDAY, ALTHOUGH ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY WAS BUT SLIGHT THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

One of two German raiders who were attempting to bomb a ship at anchor in the north of Scotland had its tail shot off by anti-aircraft guns and crashed in flames.

Another German bomber was shot down by British fighters in the south of England.

A number of German planes approached a south-west England town in the morning but were driven off by heavy gunfire.

Many people coming from church watched while the battle was in progress. The destruction of two enemy bombers was confirmed in an Air Ministry communique, which recorded little enemy activity over the country during the day.

Single aircraft were reported to have dropped bombs near the Channel coast and at a point in northern Scotland. Little damage and few casualties were caused.—Reuter.

NAZIS FEAR HOUSE FAMINE

German radio stated recently that owners of houses in Germany, large or small, must be responsible for necessary repairs.

Should the owners not carry out such repairs the local county councils will enforce it. This decree has been issued to prevent a house shortage, added the announcer, who during the broadcast avoided reference to air raids.

"Next day was Christmas. Merry Christmas, we said to each other."

"Clark and George were too young for such terrors—they died later. Four Lascar firemen drank sea-water which sent them crazy."

"They lay all night chanting native hymns—wild and creepy hymns. Their voices became silent. They were dead."

"Another boy, aged sixteen, died while sleeping."

"Sitting at opposite ends of the boat were Third-Officer Arthur Bedger and a young apprentice. They were inseparable friends."

"They both rose at the same time, tottered towards each other and died in each other's arms."

"Death followed death. Last to go was Seaman Jerry Murphy, of Liverpool."

"The men just became quiet, then expired. Robinson would recite a little prayer every time a man went."

CRAZED MEN DIED IN HELL AT SEA

Sixteen men in an open boat drifted in an Atlantic hell. Man after man died. Two friends, as death came on them, rose and clasped each other. Five men went mad.

On the eighteenth day of torment, four still lived. They were rescued by a British ship. Starving, frost-bitten, they were landed at a Canadian port. They are survivors of the 5,162-ton freighter Carlton, torpedoed by an Italian submarine off Ireland.

And their names are: Chief-Officer George Robinson, of Newcastle; Able-Seaman James Patterson, Able-Seaman John Morris, of Birmingham, and Ordinary-Seaman John Amos Pearson, former London cab-driver.

From the hospital bed, Pearson told this story to a Canadian correspondent:—

"We tried to fight the U-boat with a machine-gun. Then they sank us in six minutes. Sixteen of the crew of thirty-four got into one boat, eighteen in another."

"That was December 20."

"On Christmas Eve, two kids, cabin-boy Arthur Clark and mess-boy Tony George, aged only sixteen, started crying for water."

Hymns Of Death

"Then the cook started cursing the sea. Suddenly he pummelled the boat with his fists, and then made a dive at bilge plugs and pulled them out. We grabbed the plugs and replaced them just in time."

"The cook gave a mad roar and jumped overboard. We pulled him back—dead."

NO NIGHT RAIDS FOR SECOND NIGHT

For the second successive night no enemy raiders were reported over Britain after darkness last night.—Reuter.

N.Z. SHARE IN WAR EFFORT

AS A RESULT OF THE DELEGATION OF NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE EASTERN GROUP CONFERENCE IN NEW DELHI, A SPECIALLY SELECTED GROUP OF BRITISH TECHNICIANS HAS EXAMINED THE INDUSTRIAL POSSIBILITIES OF NEW ZEALAND, WITH A VIEW TO ASSISTING THE EMPIRE WAR EFFORT REQUIREMENTS OVERSEA AS WELL AS THE DEFENCE OF THE DOMINION.

These experts are reporting their findings to the British Government who, it is expected, will in due course establish a programme suitable for fulfilment by New Zealand.

Meanwhile every week sees a greater development of New Zealand's war effort.

A number of engineering firms are producing war material of various kinds.

Government workshops are busy making Bren gun carriers and 3-inch mortars. The output of small arms ammunition will shortly be doubled to meet the requirements of New Zealand's armed forces.

War material for the Navy is also in an advanced stage of production. Minesweepers are being constructed in Auckland to meet the immediate requirements of the Navy.—Reuter.

ATLANTIC PILOT

Bernt Balchen, a well-known Norwegian pilot, is one of the men engaged in flying the Consolidated Aircraft patrol bombers to England, according to the New York Times.

INVASION?

The hour may come at any time in darkness or light when the church bells ring once more. If each man and woman knows and plays his part they will be bells of victory as much as bells of warning. They will be a sign that Hitler has challenged in their own home the toughest nation in the world, one that has sworn

There was a time when it was fashionable for "town" and "gown" to meet in conflict, preferably on November 5. The battle began with hilarity and banter and ended sometimes with less amiable exchanges of taunt and missile. At least the contest, however foolish, was evenly matched. - But nowadays "gown" would be so utterly outnumbered that it would be absurd to take the field - or street. A lonely and an insanely audacious Gentile might as well start a pogrom in West Hampstead - that is, before West Hampstead had overrun the suburbs of Oxford. No, it is

to break the body of any trespassers on its soil, to hurl them back so hard as to break the hearts of the maniacs who sent them.

Now that the Mile End Road and Maida Vale are treading in the footsteps of the Bullingdon club there is no drastic desecration or essential change. The poor are doing very much what (and with far less excuse) — namely, parading England's most beautiful streets without the faintest idea that they are beautiful. "Blacked-out" Oxford under a full moon has a loveliness not revealed to recent generations who broke that silver splendour with their street lamps and never knew that they were interrupting a perfection of eye-music, as it were Mozart in stone. But how many are aware of it?

There will always be the two contrasted ideas of virtue, the holiness of the recluse, pensive in some exquisite retreat, and the saintliness of the busy slum-parson whose workshop is the world's. In the arts the same dispute arises. Is it the end to achieve the perfection of professional work in music and drama or to have the people play and sing, albeit without much skill or even competence? Do we look to one superb executant or to a na-



By
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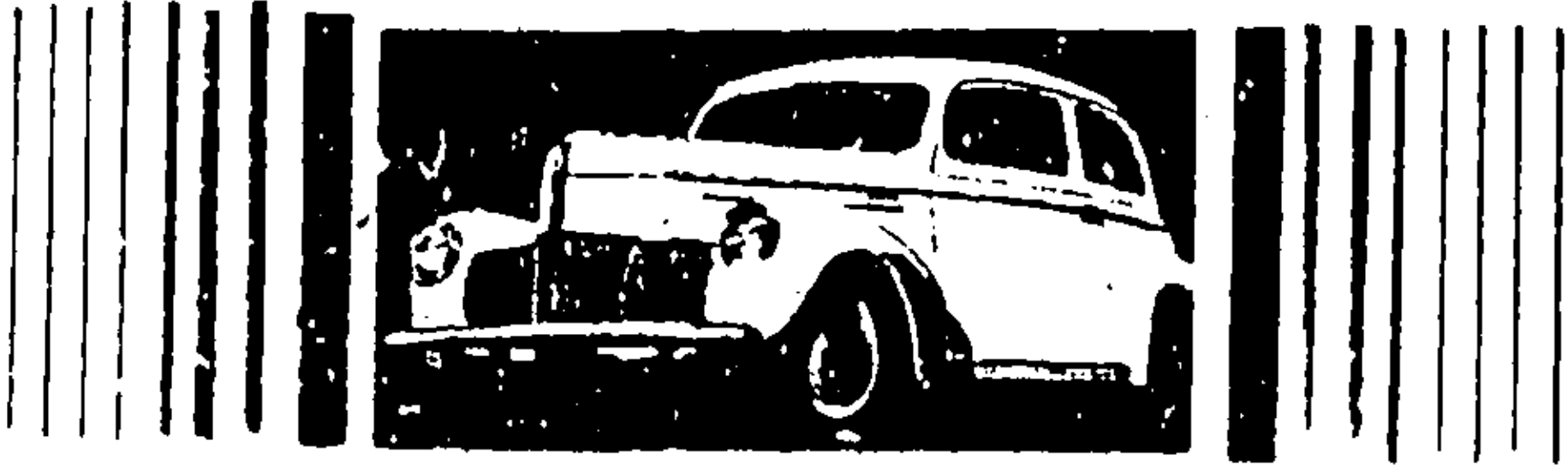
By Hanson W.
Baldwin

Bulgaria, chiefly agricultural, would be of some importance perhaps, to the German breadbasket, but is chiefly important strategically, for it is there that the two traditional routes of conquest from Asia into Europe, and vice versa, meet — one through Russia north of the Black Sea, the other across the Dardanelles into Asiatic Turkey. Bulgaria is in a sense the strategic key to the Balkans; hence its importance in the German strategy.

But whether we have enough planes to attempt such bombardment, or even enough troops to prevent the extension of Herr Hitler's conquests beyond the Bulgarian frontiers, is unknown.

tion making its art with all the enthusiasm, but also with the inevitably limited efficiency, of the happy amateur? Do we look for learning democratically spread about our mills and factories, delicately cabined by its river banks of green and under its pinnacles of stone-cut poetry? The ideals are not in essence contradictory. We can always manage, as they say, with a bit of both. But just at present there is nothing of the "enclave" left. Carfax has assumed the roar of multitudes of Charing Cross, and a new Martyrs' Memorial will have to be erected to Oxonia trodden down to dusty death by the invasive Londoners who they strove to buy a pound of sausages or to secure a less successful of their aboriginal pulissant marmalade.

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**CHARGE AGAINST
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THE CASE AGAINST Sgt. Peter Oliver Guild, of Central Police Station, was continued before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning.

Sgt. Guild was charged with dangerous driving in Repulse Bay Road, and with driving under the influence of drink.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios is defending, and Inspector F. J. Clarke is for the prosecution.

Colonel Shaw, of the Royal Artillery, in evidence, said that he was driving towards Repulse Bay at about 6.45 p.m. on February 23, when he saw accused's car coming towards him, on the wrong side of the road. He tried to avoid a collision, but was too late.

Hotel Witnesses

Mr. K. Kaluzphny, assistant manager of the Repulse Bay Hotel, told the Court that accused had signed cheques for liquor amounting to \$31.

Mr. H. P. Santos, clerk of the Hotel, said that he saw defendant in the hotel at about 6 p.m. walking in an unsteady manner.

Defendant, in evidence, said that though he had had a few drinks, he was sober at the time of the accident. He had had to swerve to the wrong side to avoid a collision, or both drivers of the two vehicles would have been killed.

Mr. Sheldon adjourned the case until this afternoon for decision.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for snatching a woollen jersey from a woman in Ship Street on Friday.

**MADAGASCAR
RUMOUR**

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Reports reaching International News suggest that Germany is now trying to persuade Admiral Darlan to accept a scheme whereby the French Fleet would convey not only French ships but German and Italian vessels as well.

Admiral Darlan's frequent trips to Paris are the cause of much speculation and comment. International News Service.

COAL THEFT

For stealing 120 cattles of coal, the property of Sergeant Alexander, from the roof of No. 202, Prince Edward Road early yesterday morning, Lau Cheuk-wan, was placed on a \$10 bond for six months by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

Accused was arrested while carrying a sack of coal in Boundary Street at 1.20 a.m. yesterday.

**SHORTAGE OF
FOOD BEGINS IN
BULGARIA**

Butter, vegetable oils and lard will be rationed in Bulgaria next week and cards for that purpose will be issued to the populace, states a Sofia report quoted by Moscow radio yesterday.

A shortage of food-stuffs, Moscow radio added, is now notable in the Bulgarian capital, where beef is almost unobtainable and the sale of bread rigorously restricted. —Reuter.

**MALTA
BEATS OFF
RAIDERS**

At least three enemy bombers were destroyed and others damaged in raids on Malta at the week-end.

Two enemy losses are officially confirmed.

The enemy planes came over in a large formation escorted by fighters but were chased out to sea by British fighters.

ONE BRITISH FIGHTER WAS SHOT DOWN BY A MESSERSCHMIDT WHICH, IN TURN, WAS DESTROYED BY ANOTHER BRITISH AIRCRAFT. —REUTER.

**EIGHT
WEDDINGS
TO-DAY**

EIGHT MARRIAGES WERE PERFORMED AT THE SUPREME COURT REGISTRY TO-DAY BEFORE MR. J. REYNOLDS, DEPUTY-REGISTRAR OF MARRIAGES.

The wedded couples were:

Corporal Albert Wraight, Middlesex Regt. and Miss Eileen Lin, of No. 402, Portland Street.

Mr. Lee Sai-hong, merchant, and Miss Chan Wai-kai, of No. 37, Caine Road.

Mr. Yeung Chan-sing, clerk, and Miss Choi Tak-hing, of No. 177, Hennessy Road.

Mr. Yeung Kam-wo, clerk, and Miss Tin Nam, of No. 29, Shek Kip Mei Street.

Mr. Lee Chun-chung, physical instructor of the Education Department, and Miss Lee Tze-lin, of No. 12, Granville Road.

Mr. Cheung Nau-ye, of Tre-gunter Mansions, and Miss Chan King, of No. 548, Shanghai Street.

Mr. Kwan Po-sin, merchant, and Miss Ao To-ying, of No. 160, Lockhart Road.

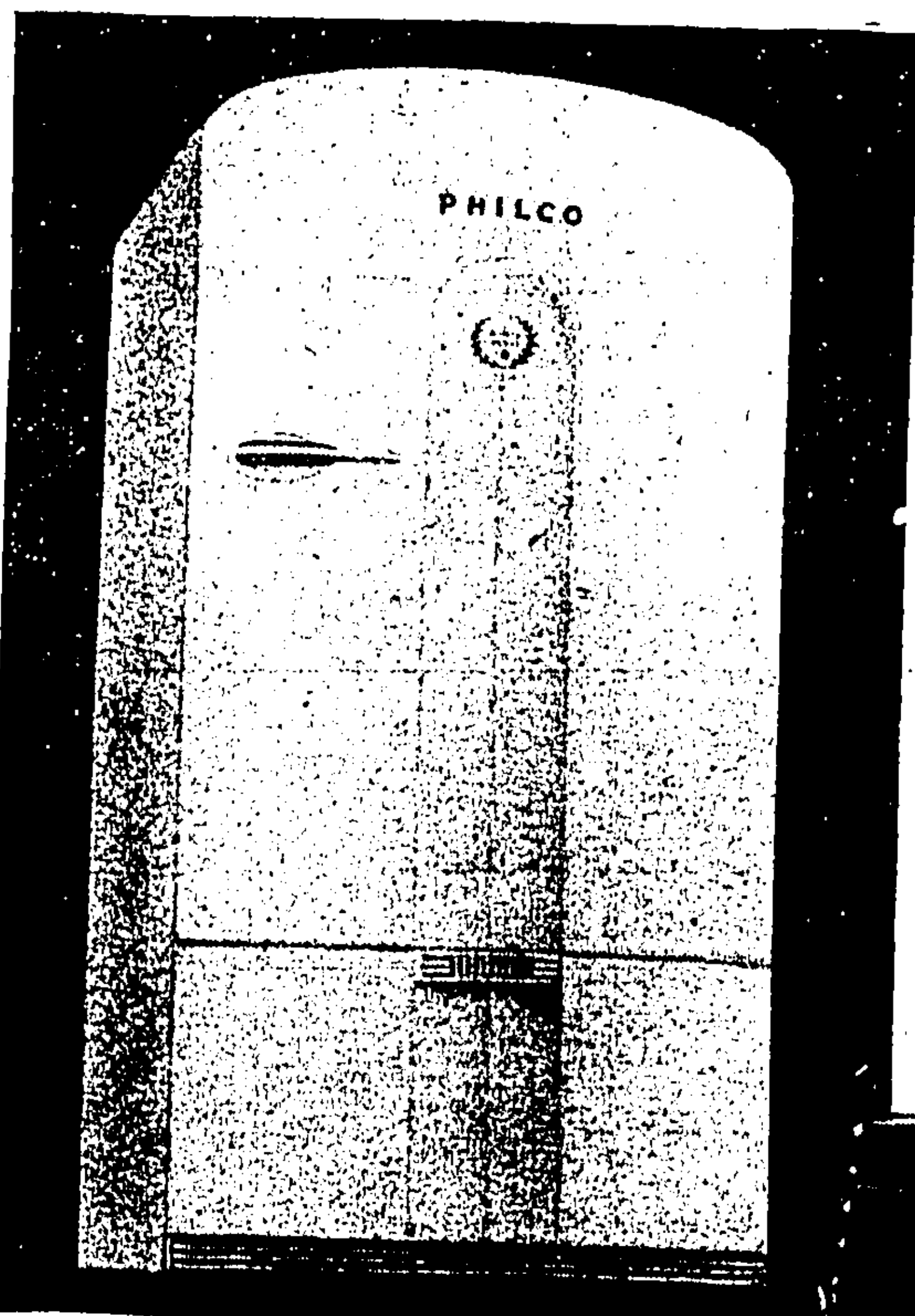
Mr. Cheung Wing, building contractor, and Miss Leung Fung, of No. 22, Mallory Street.

**SHANGHAI
EXCHANGE
SHOCK**

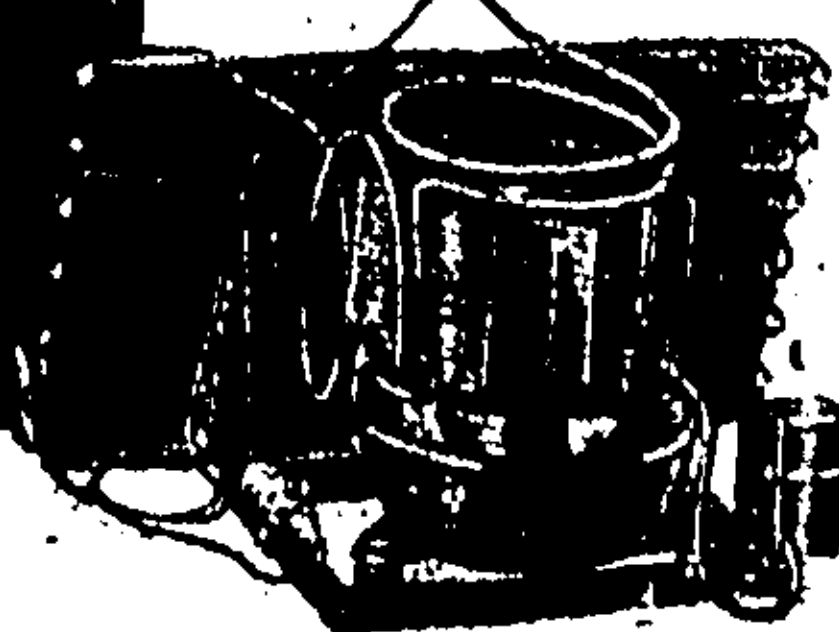
The Shanghai exchange market was disorganised at the opening this morning as a result of a London cable stating that negotiations are proceeding to prevent sterling help to the Stabilisation Fund from feeding the Shanghai market, which is the main remaining loophole in the sterling exchange control.

No rates were available at the opening, with the dollar nominally valued at 3-7/32d.

Securities, gold bars and commodities generally were sharply higher. —Reuter.



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FEW VOTERS SUPPORT COL. LINDBERGH

THE QUESTION of how many Americans share the viewpoint of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh in favouring a negotiated peace between Germany and England, how many want the British to try to make the best peace they can now, instead of continuing the war, has been put to voters in a nation-wide survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion.

The results, according to Dr. George Gallup, the institute's director, show that the negotiated peace idea is shared by only a small minority — approximately one voter in every seven.

"The strength of this group," Dr. Gallup says, "just about equals that of another group at the opposite extreme — those who want the United States to get into the war. The most recent survey on that subject found approximately one voter in every eight in favour of going to war."

"In between these two extremes — the 'war party' on the one hand, and the party which wants England to make a deal with the Nazis on the other hand lie the great majority of the American people. They do not sympathise with the negotiated peace idea; 79 per cent. hope Britain will continue to fight until the Nazis are defeated. Neither do they sympathise with the war party, for 88 per cent., at the last count, want the United States to stay out of the war. But the majority of them are for aiding Britain in every possible way short of war."

"To-day's survey put the following question to a cross-section of the voting public:

"Which of these two things do you think England should do now — try to make the best possible peace now with Germany, or keep on fighting in the hope of defeating Germany."

"The results are:

	P.C.
Try to make peace now	15
Keep on fighting	79
Don't know	6

Contrasted With British Feeling

"It is a curious fact that in this country, thousands of miles away from the bombs and bloodshed of Britain, more people want an Anglo-German peace than in embattled Britain itself. Last December the British Institute of Public Opinion took a poll in England on the idea of a negotiated peace with Germany and found that only 7 per cent. of British voters favoured such a plan, despite four hard months of savage air raids."

"The same survey also found that the temper of the British people was such that as many as 13 per cent. would report to the authorities any person who even suggested making a negotiated peace."

"With the views of the British and the American people on record concerning a negotiated peace, the story would be complete if a survey could be taken among the common people of Germany as well as Italy. War-time conditions have not interfered with the work of the British Institute, which has continued without censorship, but free measurement of opinions does not thrive in countries where a free press is unknown."

Hitler Pledges Mistrusted

"An analysis of the reasons why most American voters oppose a negotiated peace between Germany and England shows two main attitudes — that Germany 'must be stopped now,' and that a peace made with Hitler would not last 'because his pledge is worthless.'"

"Typical of many was this comment of a textile worker in North Carolina: 'Any peace now would serve only as a temporary advantage for Hitler to recuperate so that he could resume his programme of world destruction. It would be just a rest period.' Another voter, a dress manufacturer in West Virginia, adds:

"If England makes peace now, she will only have to fight Germany again in a few years."

"Those who, on the other hand, are in favour of a negotiated peace now argue that the bloodshed and destruction must be stopped, that it would be the only way to avoid the complete devastation of England, and that England 'is almost licked anyhow.'"

MIND MADE UP— AFTER 21 YEARS

After twenty-one years of argument Stanley Co. Durham, township, has made up its mind.

In 1919 it was resolved to build a war memorial. Townspeople subscribed £280—but couldn't decide what to do with the money. For years they discussed designs, what stone to use, where to place the monument, but they could never agree on what they wanted.

Now a proposal "that the assets of the Stanley War Memorial Fund be handed over to the Stanley Spitfire Fund," has been carried unanimously.

PICKPOCKET SENT TO PRISON

One month's hard labour was imposed by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning, on Wong Chu, 21, for stealing a leather purse, containing \$60.75, from Fung Shiu, 45, shop keeper, on a No. 9 Route bus at the Yau-mati Ferry Wharf yesterday morning.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Second Extra Race Meeting Saturday, 29th March, 1941

The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 P.M. on MONDAY, 24th March.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 29th March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

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Hong Kong, 24th March, 1941.

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Notice To Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,

Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March, 1941, at noon, in the BOARD ROOM of the Company, SECOND FLOOR, EXCHANGE BUILDING, HONG KONG, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the financial year ended 31st December, 1940, and re-electing two Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 14th March to the 28th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1941.

By Order of the Board,

J. P. SHERRY,

Managing Director

14, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong.

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1940.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1941, to THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 21st March, 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

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BRIDGE NOTES

Bidding Half-Tricks

By The Four Aces

"Perhaps you can make something clear to us," writes a St. Louis enthusiast. "We are a group of sixteen who meet each week, but there's a lot we still have to learn about the game. This is the sort of hand that always gives us the creeping jimmies:

North, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♠ K 10 8 7	♥ Q 4 3	♦ 4	♣ K J 9 7 2
♠ 4 3	♥ A J 10	♦ Q J 10	♣ 5 2
♠ 5 2	♥ 9 8 6	♦ A K 8 7	♣ 3
♠ 10 6 5	♥ 10 6 5	♦ 10 6 5	♣ Q 8 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

"As you can see, there's no way of defeating four spades; but we couldn't see any way of getting to four spades. North isn't strong enough to go to three spades, and South isn't strong enough to bid again when North simply raises to two spades. Isn't there some way for North to bid two-and-a-half spades?"

Strangely enough, there is a way of doing that — although the rules of the game forbid any such bid in so many words. North should bid two clubs instead of two spades. If South has a sound opening bid, he will give North another chance to bid so North doesn't have to be in a hurry to raise the spades. (And if South hasn't a sound opening bid and consequently has to pass two clubs, the North-South hands will be too weak for game and little will have been missed).

When South bids two spades over North's response of two clubs, North can go to three spades. This combination of bids by North — first bidding his own suit and then raising South's suit — is the easiest way to show a hand whose strength is about midway between a single and a double raise. And once South gets that message, he will naturally bid four spades, since he has substantially more strength than he needed for his opening bid.

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Saturday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held

♠ A K 9 6	♥ 7 3 2	♦ 6	♣ A K 10 4 3
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The bidding:

Burnstone	Schenken	You	Jacoby
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1♠	Pass	(?)	Pass

ANSWER: Bid three spades. This is a strong invitation (not a force) to game, and your partner will accept if he has a King or so in the red suits in addition to a four-card or five-card spade suit headed by the Queen. If he has less than that strength, the contract of three spades will be fairly safe.

Score 100% for three spades, 30% for four spades, 10% for two spades.

Question No. 672

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K 9 6	♥ K 3 2	♦ 6	♣ A K Q 4 3
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The bidding:

Schenken	Miler	You	Jacoby
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1♠	Pass	(?)	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.) (Discussed by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

CHAMBERLAIN MEMENTOES

Women anxious to obtain some of the more personal household effects as mementoes were among bidders at the auction sale of some of the furniture and effects of Mr. Neville Chamberlain's home, Westbourne, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

The auctioneer made it clear that the 300 odd lots constituted only a portion of the household effects. It was that part which was no longer required by the family.

Bidding was keen for a set of Persian pottery which formerly belonged to Mr. Joseph Chamberlain. There was a valuable collection of books, chiefly on butterflies and moths—a favourite study of the late Prime Minister. One of these, "Beautiful Butterflies of the Tropics," was inscribed, "With Sir John Holder's best wishes, Christmas, 1920."

Among other articles offered was a gold buttonhole flower holder, though no one could remember the former Prime Minister ever wearing flowers in his coat lapel. A collection of juvenile books were all more or less of a serious nature: "The Story of Our Island Home," "Japan—Her Place in the East," and "The Story of France."

Many of the souvenir hunters had hoped to secure an umbrella or fishing tackle, but none was on offer. Most of the fishing tackle had been distributed among angling friends.

The first lot offered was a quantity of linoleum, for which an initial bid of 15s was made, but it finally went for £2. A 3ft oak bureau with graduated drawers which had been used by the Chamberlain family for accommodating birds' eggs realised 15s. Three sets—each of 50 children's books—realised 12s., 17s 6d and 20s per set.

Mr. W. S. Edwards, who conducted part of the sale, afterwards said, "We had a good company and good competition. No doubt many people bought articles as souvenirs. I bought a little lot of ornamental china as a souvenir for a guinea. It was a better sale than I thought likely."

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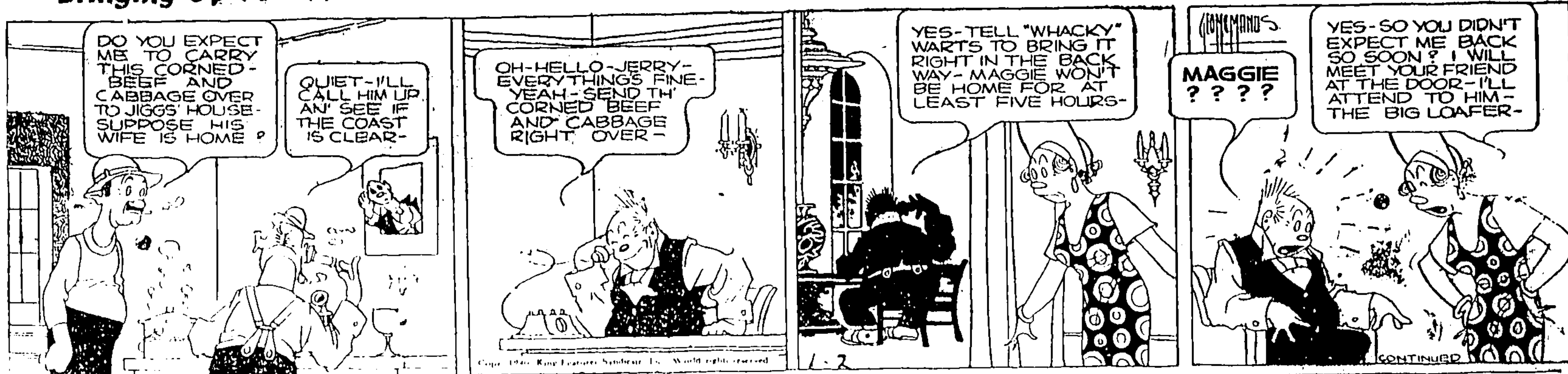
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Double Chin And Crepey Throat

If you are over twenty-five, courageous, and can face facts take a candid look at your profile in a good strong light. Is the chin and throat contour flabby and has a double chin begun to form? If either is the case you might as well make up your mind to exercise more.

Every woman ardently wishes that she knew the name of a miracle cream or lotion which would preserve her beauty until she died. But there is no such wonder mixture, and flabby contours and double chins will form if we do not care properly for our bodies.

One may use twenty beauty preparations on one's face and neck and still those aging signs will appear if the whole body is not kept youthful and healthy through exercise and thoughtful feeding.

Have you ever noticed how much younger you looked after a vacation under the sun, when you swam and walked and perhaps played tennis, and danced until morning hours? Were not your face and neck firmer in contour, your skin clearer and lovelier with its coat of sun tan, and didn't you feel pretty much like a mil-



All women envy the firm, youthful facial contour of lovely OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND.

glamourtime, then women would be more prone to stretch and swing and roll and bump, to keep themselves fit and lovely looking. Without a certain amount of exercise a woman cannot hope to retain her beauty, enhance her beauty or keep young looking. Lack of exercise ages a woman rapidly—even though she may diet lion dollars when you returned home to tackle the tasks awaiting you?

Many things were accountable for that revived vitality. You rested, you ate well, you forgot to worry, you sunned and aired your body, you played. But above

all you were far more physically active during your holiday than you are while you stay at home. Every muscle had a work-out and was supplied with the nourishment it needed. Your body became more agile and delighted in the exercise you took. Golfing or swimming or walking long trails did not seem like any great effort, but also spending twenty minutes a day at home exercising (or even fifteen) seems like too great a chore for beauty!

Keep Young

I wish there was a pleasing sounding synonym for exercise—something like beautyhour, or to keep streamlined her muscles will be soft and old looking.

Knowing these things why do you not determine to take your quota of beautyhours every week? The compensation is so gratifying that you should need urging.

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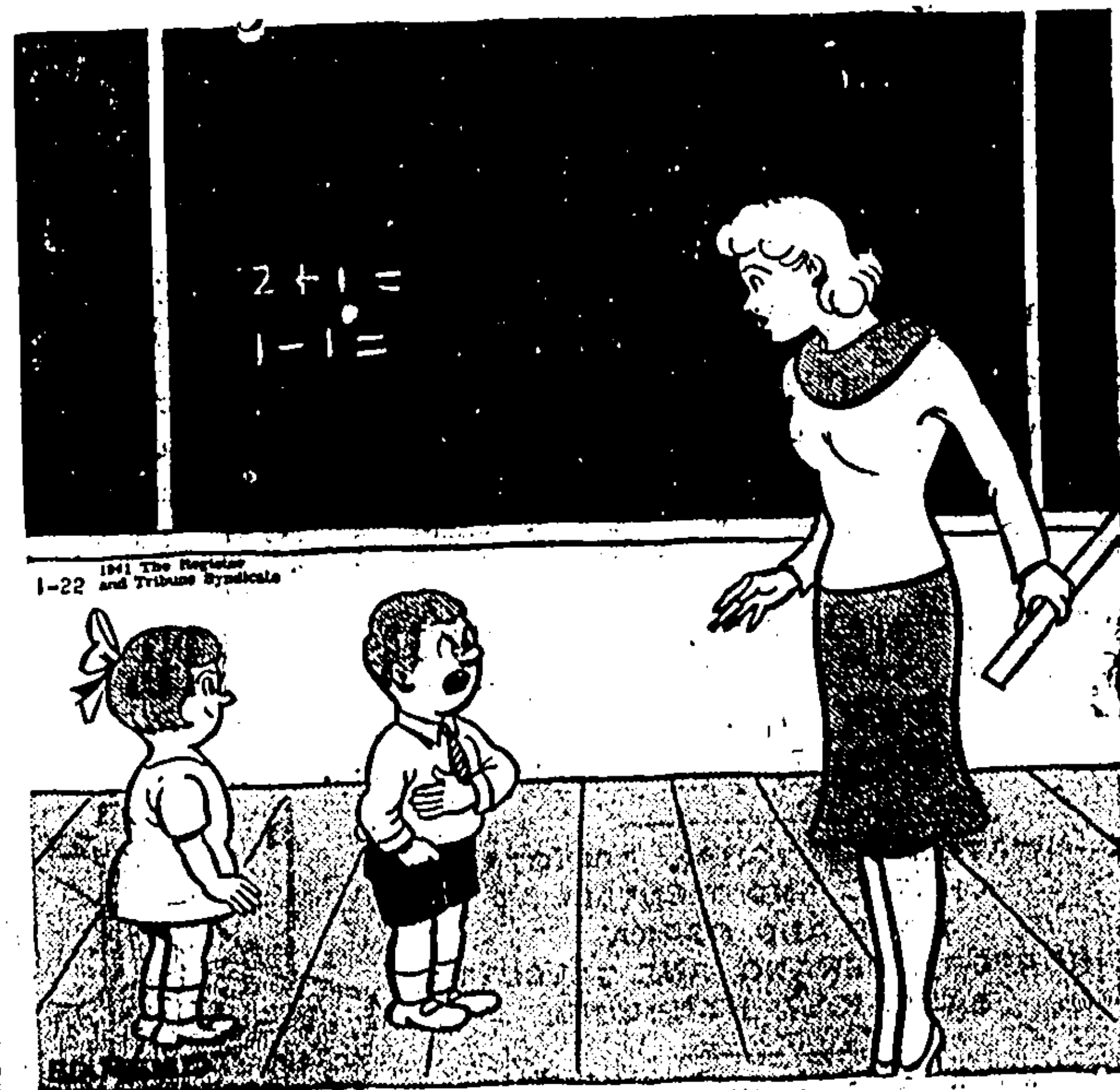
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By ED REED



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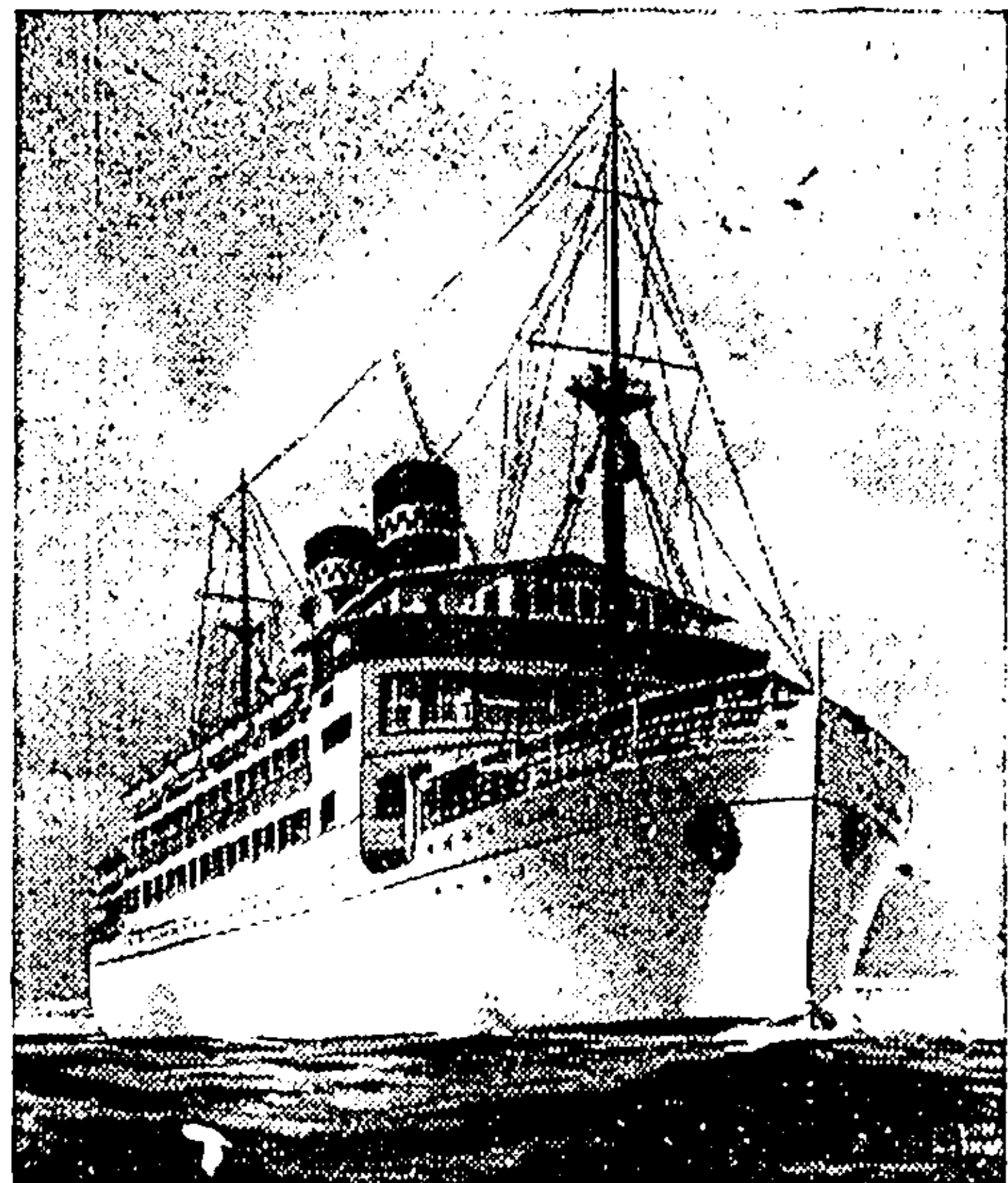
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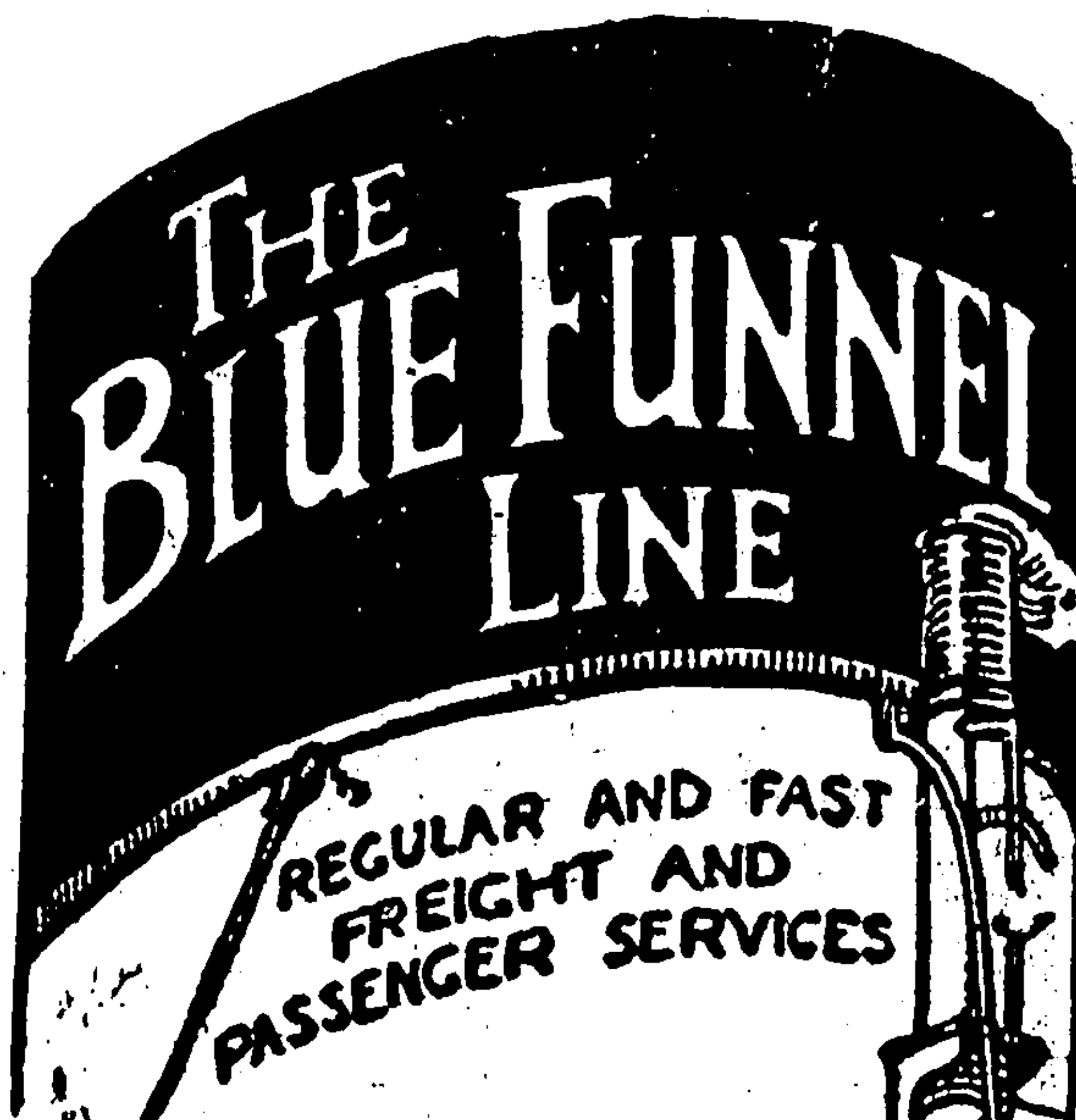
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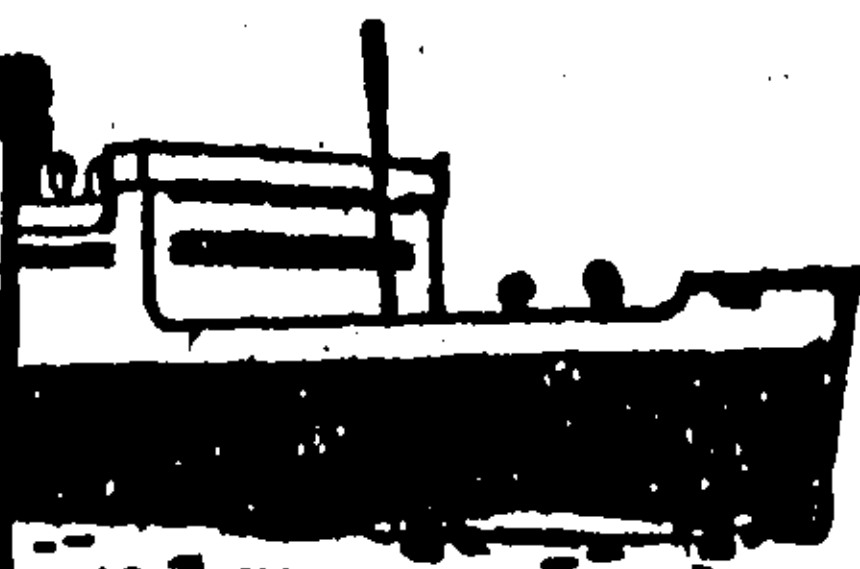
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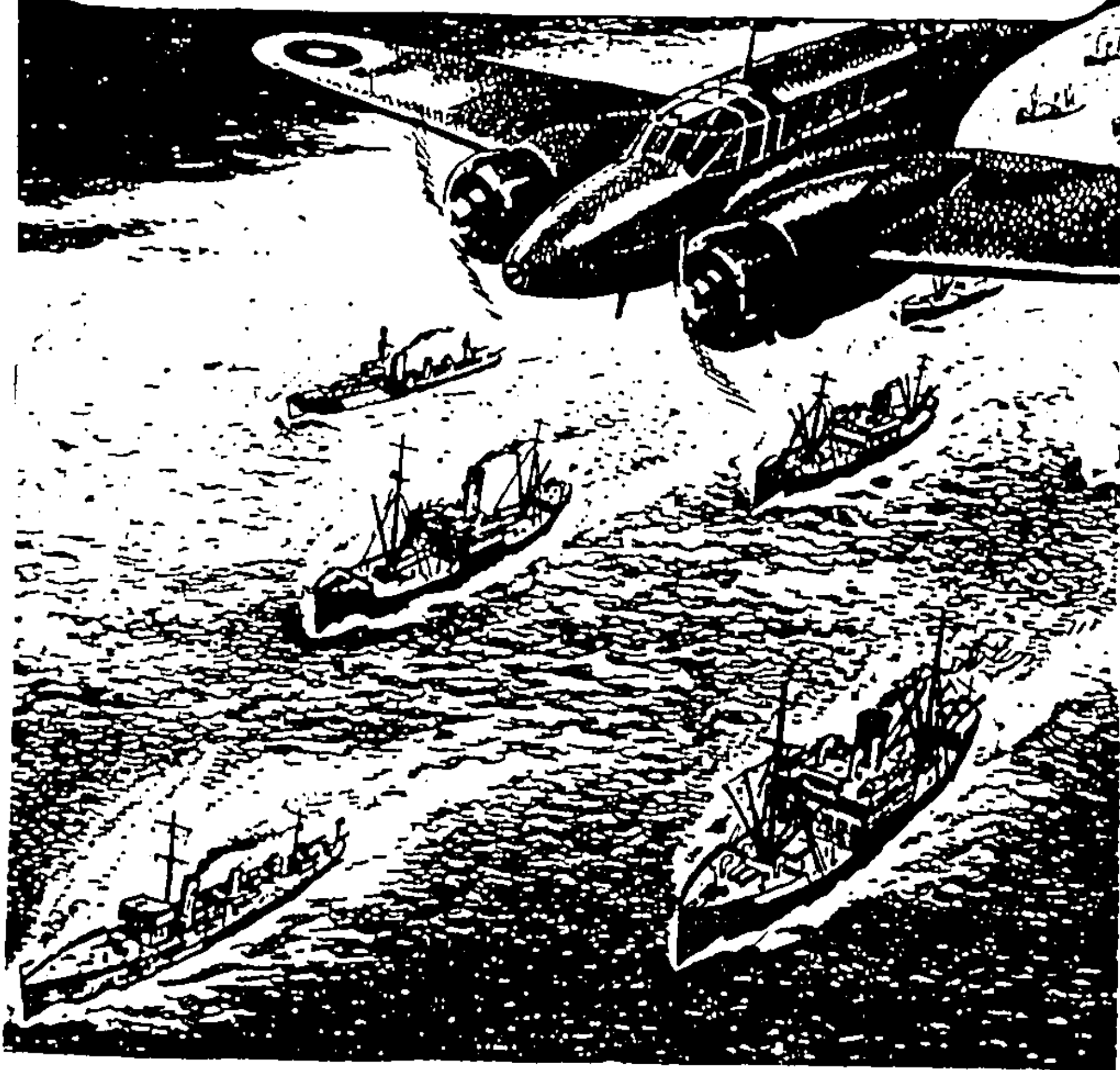
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Boston Promenade Orchestra, Pensee D'Automne—Melodie (Massenet).

Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orch. Jeux D'Eau (Ravel).

Beno Moisevitich (Piano). Au Clair de La Lune (Lullu).

Plaisir D'Amour (Martini). Yvonne Printemps (Soprano).

Alborada Del Gracioso (Ravel). Orchestra Des Concerts Straram.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Working Together.

7.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado."

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See How the Fates. D. Francourt, B. Lewis, A. Davies, H. A. Lytton, L. Sheffield.

The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring. D. Oldham, H. A. Lytton.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—This week's programmes.

9.05 p.m.—Piano/Accordion Solos by George Scott Wood.

Song of Songs (Moya). Speak to Me of Love (Lenoir).

Stars Over Devon (Flynn and Egan).

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Hi, Gang!"

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—A Programme of Old English Music.

Pavane, Cathedral (William Byrd). Chaconne (Henry Purcell).

Society of Ancient Instruments' Passing By (Purcell).

Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Orchestra.

A Trumpet Voluntary (Purcell). Sir Hamilton Harty cond.

The Halle Orchestra Solo Trumpet Alex Harris Organist.

Harold Dawber. The Lass With the Delicate Air.

(Michael Arne). Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Piano.

La Volta (Byrd). The Pipers' Guild Quartet.

My Lovely Celia (Monro). Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Piano.

The Faery Queen—Three Dances (Purcell).

Hornpipe, Rondeau, Jig. The Jacques String Orchestra.

Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes (Words: Ben Jonson—Music: Anon.).

Hubert Elsdell, Heddle Nash, Dennis Noble and Norman Allin unaccompanied.

Air and Hornpipe (Purcell). Edith Penville (Flute) w. Piano.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—News from Home by Howard Marshall.

10.15 p.m.—Excerpts from Ivor Novello's Shows.

Far Away in Shanty Town (from "Glamorous Night").

Elisabeth Welch (Comedienne) with Orchestra.

Give Me Back My Heart (from "Symphony in Two Flats").

Albert Sandler and His Orch. Studio Scene—A bit of Opera ("Careless Rapture").

Ivor Novello, Dorothy Dickson and Olive Gilbert with Orch.

"Chest of the Wave"—Selections. The Drury Lane Theatre Orch.

10.36 p.m.—Dance Music. Swing Fox-Trots—Undecided.

The Lady's In Love With You (film "Some like it hot").

Benny Goodman and His Orch. Tangoes—Red Roper.

Dreaming of the Puzia. George Boulanger and His Orch.

Fox-Trot—Minnie the Mocher's Wedding Day.

Hot Toddy. Cab Calloway and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Parade of the Little White Mice.

Waltz—Start the Day Right (from "How Haw").

Guy Lombardo and His Roy Canadians.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

CATHEDRAL WRECKED

Italian bombers have wrecked the cathedral at Preveza, Greece, it was reported in Athens.

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SOUTH CHINA ENTER SENIOR SHIELD FINAL

Outplay Saints And Win By 7 Goals To 1

Tsang and Hussain Shine For Losers

OUTCLASSED AND outplayed St. Joseph's were beaten in the Semi-final of the Senior Shield Football Competition by South China by 7 goals to 1 at Causeway Bay yesterday after being led at the interval by 3 goals to 1.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUAD"Y"

IN the Large Unit Hockey League, Middlesex Regiment have already won and are seven points in the lead of the 5/7th Rajput Regiment, who have another three games to play and can only secure six more points at the most.

The three leading teams in the League are

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Middlesex Regt.	9	8	0	1	17
5/7th Rajput Regt.	6	4	0	2	10
12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.	7	3	1	3	9

RUGBY FOOTBALL

ROYAL Engineers are still undefeated in the Large Units Rugby League. They further increased their lead on Tuesday by defeating the Combined Small Units by 14 points to nil.

In this game Engineers lost one of their best players in Sgt. Blackman, who unfortunately broke his leg.

Middlesex Regiment won their second game by beating the Royal Artillery 13 points to 3. Sgt. Freshwater and Pte. Berry had a successful afternoon and Freshwater scored two fine tries and Berry one; Berry also converted two tries.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Royal Engineers	6	6	0	0	12
Royal Artillery	5	3	2	0	6
Middlesex Regt.	6	2	4	0	4
Royal Scots	4	1	2	1	3
Combined S. Units	5	0	4	1	1

BOXING

COMPETITION

THE next Boxing event for the Army will be held at Murray Barracks on April 8, 9 and 10, commencing at 8.30 p.m. each night. April 10 will only be used if there are more than three teams entering.

The event is open to the following Units:

- Royal Artillery.
- Royal Engineers.
- 2nd Bn., The Royal Scots.
- 1st Bn., The Middlesex Regt.
- Combined Small Units.



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Saints' defence could not cope with the machine-like movements of the Chinese forwards and the intermediate-line were continually overworked and drawn out of position. Hussain at right back was the outstanding defender for the losers while Guy, in the pivotal position, put in much hard work. Castilho did well in his position while D. Leonard was not so prominent on the left. MacDonald tried hard in the forward line while both Santos and Gomes were seen in good movement which came to nothing against the strong Chinese defence.

Sammy Tsang played a sound game in Saints' goal and saved many good shots particularly in the first half.

South China played well and Lee Wai-tong led the line in fine style sending his forwards away with good passes and being dangerous when in possession. Chau Man-chi was again the main schemer while Chan Tak-fai was a thrustful forward. Lee Shek-yau was not so much in the picture as he had the attention of Castilho and Hussain but Lee Tak-kee was left too much alone by Leonard.

Lam Tak-po was prominent in the intermediate-line while Tsang Chum-wan and Tse Kam-hung were sound at back. Tam Kwan-kwon did not have very much to do in goal.

Saints Score First

The game started with a surprise when the Saints scored through a penalty in the first few minutes. Guy making no mistake from the "spot."

South China were awarded a penalty from which Lee Wai-tong equalised soon after and five minutes later Chan Tak-fai netted with a well-placed drive. Thereafter, South China were mostly on the offensive with sporadic raids by the Saints. Before the interval Lee Wai-tong increased the lead from the another penalty.

On resumption, it was apparent that the overworked Saints' defence would not be able to stand up to the strain. After a few minutes play Chau Man-chi found the net.

Further goals by Lee Tak-kee, Lee Shek-yau and Chan Tak-fai completed the rout.

ST. JOSEPH'S:—Sammy Tsang; Hussain; Bowen; Castilho, Guy, Leonard; Roach, Santos, MacDonald, Gomes and Flinders.

SOUTH CHINA: Tam Kwan-kwon; Tsang Chung-wan, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang; Lee Tak-kee, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Chau Man-chi and Lee Shek-yau.

BRITAIN WINS YACHTING EVENT

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday conducted the Second Scandinavian Cup Race, which resulted in a win for Britain against Scandinavia by 39 points to 33. Britain won the morning event 21-15 and tied 18-18 in the afternoon event.

The members of Britain's crews were Messrs. P. S. M. Sedgwick, J. L. Anderson, L. C. Baker, D. G. Allen, H. W. Browne, L. O. N. Thomson, T. C. Fairbairn, K. M. A. Barnett, M. I. de Ville, G. G. Wood, H. C. Taylor, and W. A. Johnson. Their Scandinavian opponents were Messrs. S. K. Heiberg, O. Fingalsen, K. Wilkens, J. Johnsen, S. Stalkland, J. V. Christensen, S. Berg, J. Krogh-Moe, L. O. Oststad, B. Herschend, N. O. Christensen, and N. W. Smeby.

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following are the soccer fixtures for the week ending, March 30

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28	
First Division	
Club (Club, 5.00 p.m.)	Middlesex
Referee: Omar	
Linesmen: King Ka-pui & Edwards	
Second Division	
South China (Caroline Hill, 5 p.m.)	Service Corps
Referee: Adams	
30th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 5 p.m.)	Sing Tao
Referee: Gossop	
Kwong Wah (Boundary Street, 5 p.m.)	Navy
Referee: Carley	
Third Division	
36th R.A. (Stanley, 3 p.m.)	12th R.A.
Referee: Threlley	

SATURDAY, MARCH 29	
First Division	
Sing Tao (Club, 4.30 p.m.)	Club
Referee: Glover	
Linesmen: Copey and Fraser	
Second Division	
Police (Boundary Street, 4.30 p.m.)	Royal Scots
Referee: Beard	
Linesmen: Winsor and Taylor	
Third Division	
Engineers (Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)	Kit Chee
Referee: Wilson	
Kwong Wah (Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.)	Service Corps
Referee: Denmece	
Fourth Division	
Police (Boundary Street, 3 p.m.)	Sing Tao
Referee: Emmons	
Fifth Division	
Ordnance (Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.)	Middlesex
Referee: Fraser	
Sixth Division	
Navy (Causeway Bay, 3 p.m.)	South China
Referee: Baker	
Seventh Division	
Club (Club, 3 p.m.)	30th R.A.
Referee: Barretto	

SUNDAY, MARCH 30	
Governor's Cup Competition	
H.K.F.A. (Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.)	H.K.C.A.A.F.
Referee: Marie	
Linesmen: Omar and Ford	

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FANLING RACE RESULTS

Following are the results of yesterday racing at Fanling:

1.—SHAMROCK HANDICAP. Flat race for Australian ponies, "D" Class, Seven furlongs. J. B. Harrison's Schmetterling, 145 lb. (G. Treverton) 1

A.H.P.'s Dick Turpin, 148 lb. (H. J. A. Hearne) 2
L.M.M.F.'s A Good Time, 145 lb. (S. L. Yuen) 3

Won by Half a Length and short head. Time: 1.39.
Pari-mutuel Winner \$65
Places, 1st \$18.90; 2nd \$19.60

Also ran: Colorado Star, and Violet Queen
2.—DUBLIN HANDICAP. Flat race for China ponies, "E" Class, Six furlongs.
Gray's Dow Jones, 135 lb. (S. L. Yuen) 1

Lo Kwong-to's Heddon, 140 lb. (H. S. Chang) 2
C & L's Gallant Marshal, 135 lb. (S. W. Pan) 3

Won by Two lengths, a head. Time: 1.35.4
Pari-mutuel Winner \$140.90
Places, 1st \$33.70; 2nd \$24.30; 3rd \$41.60

Also ran: Arabian Cat, Lancashire Chap, Lucky Eleven, National Liberty, National Success, Palmer, Plain View, Radium Star, and Zero.

3.—FANLING GRAND NATIONAL AND PIERCE GROVE MEMORIAL CUP. Steeplechase for China ponies, 1 1/4 miles. W. T. Stanton's March Brown, 151 lb. (T. W. Chattey) 1

J. Fei den's Viber, 170 lb. (J. Feilden) 2
Mrs. Beryl Skipworth's Double Chance, 147 lb. (T. G. Treverton) 3

Won by Half a Length; Many lengths. Time: 4.16.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$17.40.
Places, 1st \$5.70; 2nd \$5.70; 3rd \$6.40.

Also ran: Chubby Number, Mac's Second Venture, Soldier of China and Three Farthings.

4.—HUNTERS CUP. Flat race for China ponies "D" Class, Seven furlongs.
W. T. Stanton's Royal Wedding Eve, 159 lb. (W. H. S. Davis) 1

A. H. P.'s Sylvandale, 143 lb. (H. J. A. Hearne) 2
Sunnyside's King's Worthy, 143 lb. (P. Wei) 3

Won by two lengths; Two lengths. Time: 1.49.2
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$8.80.
Places, 1st \$5.90; 2nd \$6.90; 3rd \$6.30.

Chinese in the Ladies' league by 9 runs to 7 and V.R.C. trounced Chung Wah by 16-3 in the play off for the junior title.

Following were yesterday's softball results:

GIRLS
Wahoos 13 Panthers 7
Wildcats 9 Canadian C. 7
MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE
Cyclones 3 Chinese 9
Mohawks 10 Canadian C. 1
JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAY-OFF
V.R.C. 16 Chung Hwa 3

CASH SWEEP RESULTS

Following were the results of cash sweeps at the Fanling Races yesterday.

RACE 1
No. 888 \$814.52
" 866 232.72
" 92 116.36
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 688, 894

RACE 2
No. 1207 \$606.14
" 1508 173.18
" 395 86.59
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 842, 339, 110, 17, 465, 216, 675, 1186, 852

RACE 3
No. 634 \$978.42
" 105 279.55
" 591 139.78
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 81, 805, 711, 165

RACE 4
No. 5045 \$24,943.46
" 43964 7,126.71
" 4269 3,563.35
Unplaced ponies (\$494.91 each): Nos. 19170, 21705, 12416, 15238, 51857, 23916, 45346, 29213.

RACE 5
No. 260 \$1,094.01
" 829 312.58
" 913 156.29
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 596, 799, 228.

RACE 6
No. 170 \$1,050.55
" 268 300.16
" 99 150.08
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 356, 1114, 90, 334, 114.

Also ran:—Chatterbox, Oomph, Royal Highness, The Tigress, and West Lake.

5.—GOVERNOR'S CUP AND AUSTRALIAN GRAND NATIONAL. Steeplechase handicap for Australian ponies. Two miles. G. Treverton's Brutus, 168 lb. (Treverton) 1

S. T. Williamson's Sea Urchin, 161 lb. (C. L. Gregory) 2
Capt. H. Marsh's Kiola, 145 lb. (J. Barrow) 3

Won by Many lengths; Many lengths. Time: 4.14.3.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$6.50.
Places, 1st \$6; 2nd \$6.50; 3rd \$10.20.

Also ran:—Glorious Star, Spark Plug, and Teviotdale.

6.—DUBLIN CONSOLATION CUP. Flat race for China ponies, "E" Class. Half mile.
Lee Bros's Lancashire Chap, 141 lb. (S. W. Lee) 1

Lo Kwong-to's Heddon, 145 lb. (H. Chang) 2
Miss Fearon's Palmer, 151 lb. (T. W. Chattey) 3

Won by A neck; Two lengths. Time: 1.01.1.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$43.10.
Places, 1st \$9.60; 2nd \$9.70; 3rd \$10.40.

Also ran:—Arabian Cat, Gallant Marshal, Lucky Eleven, Radium Star, and Zero.



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K.C.C. LOSE BY 4 WICKETS

At Cox's Road yesterday, Kowloon Cricket Club lost to a Dr. L. T. Ride's eleven by 4 wickets in a friendly cricket match.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB

A. Madar, c J. M. Gosano, b Perry 11
J. N. Anderson, b Mahmood 72
F. Fincher, c Perry, b Mahmood 23
Zimmerman, c Day, b Mahmood 0
C. Fincher, b Perry 0
D. Lloyd, run out 12
A. Gray, b Logan 12
R. Burch, c and b Ride 1
R. Luke, c Perry, c Ride 7
J. Fenton, not out 17
I. Brokenshure, b Day 0
Extras (117) 7

Totals	162
Bowling Analysis	
O M R W	
Perry	12 1 30 2
Mahmood	14 3 67 3
G. Gosano	2 0 6 0
N. Gosano	3 0 21 0
Logan	2 0 15 1
Ride	2 0 16 2
Day	6 0 0 1

DR. L. T. RIDE'S XI

Logan, c Gray, b Anderson 45
M. Gosano, lbw, b Fenton 4
G. Gosano, b Lloyd 19
N. Gosano, c Lloyd, b Anderson 19
J. Attwell, not out 63
Zimmerman, c E. C. Fincher, b Anderson 3
H. Griffiths, b Lloyd 12
E. Potts, not out 12
Extras (B3, LB1) 4

Totals (for 6 wks)	106
Bowling Analysis	
O M R W	
Fenton	5 1 20 1
Lloyd	13 0 56 2
Anderson	11 0 59 3
Burch	3 0 27 0

GUNNERS BEAT ORDNANCE

In the Semi-Final of the Small Units Knock-Out Cricket Competition at Sookunpoo yesterday, the A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery defeated Royal Army Ordnance by 62 runs.

Scores:-

5TH A.A. R.A.

Mr. Dobbinson, b Boocock 19
Mr. Barsby, b Boocock 24
Deut. T. A. Pearce, lbw, b Boocock 8
Deut. Plummer, c Emberson, b Haskins 1
Deut. J. L. C. Pearce, c and b Emberson 27
Deut. Clague, c Roberts, b Boocock 31
Bdr. Sidders, c Roberts, b Emberson 1
Mr. Martin, c Pinder, b Emberson 8
St. Morgan, b Boocock 4
Mr. McCaddon, c Stoner, b Emberson 4
Mr. Baker, not out 0
Extras (W1, B5) 6

Totals	133
Bowling Analysis	
O M R W	
Boocock	14 3 52 5
Emberson	9 0 53 4
Haskins	5 0 22 1

R.A.O.C.

Cpl. Stoner, lbw, b T. A. Pearce 11
Cpl. Pinder, st, b T. A. Pearce 27
Pl. Reynolds, c T. A. Pearce, b Clague 0
Cdr. Gardner, c Clague, b T. A. Pearce 0
St. Muntun, c Clague, b T. A. Pearce 13
E. Barnes, c J. L. C. Pearce, b T. A. Pearce 0
Sgt. Emberson, b T. A. Pearce 11
St. Boocock, b T. A. Pearce 0
Cpl. Roberts, lbw, b Barsby 0
E. Merrick, b T. A. Pearce 0
St. Haskins, not out 0
Extras (B9) 9

Totals	71
Bowling Analysis	
O M R W	
Clague	8 1 19 1
Plummer	4 1 8 0
A. Pearce	8 3 30 8
Barsby	5 1 5 1

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Following are to-day's Badminton Championship fixtures:-

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB

Mixed Doubles

P. Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro v Odell and Miss J. Choa (7 p.m.).
P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo v J. Remedios and Mrs. Silva (9 m.).

Senior Singles

C. Au v F. Koh (7.30 p.m.).

Junior Singles

R. M. Lavalle v Peter Lo (9.45 m.).

Men's Senior Doubles

S. Amplavanar and C. K. Cheah v M. P. and Y. P. Yoo Ng (8.15 m.).

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

CRICKET

Kowloon Cricket Club seem almost certain to retain the Senior League cricket championship as the result of Craigengower's defeat by Indian Recreation Club by 125 runs on Saturday.

Several friendly matches were played on Saturday and the following were the best performances.

BATTING

Murphy 57	G. N. Gosano 53
Lieut. Plummer 53	K. M. Baxter 51
F. J. Remedios 41	A. R. Sutliad 34
A. H. Madar 33	A. R. Minu 32
T. A. Madar 31	H. G. Wildblood 31
J. E. Richardson 30	

BOWLING

H. L. Ozorio 7 for 75	Dixon 6 for 13
A. R. Minu 6 for 20	Coombes 5 for 36
West 5 for 70	Murphy 4 for 16
Sgt. Denyer 4 for 17	E. Mazuza 4 for 25
Barton 4 for 29	A. H. Madar 4 for 30

FOOTBALL

The sensational win of Navy over Eastern in the Semi-final of the Senior Shield and the overwhelming victory of Kowloon over Police in First Division were the outstanding features of Saturday's football programme.

A number of league games were played and some big scores registered during the afternoon.

The positions of the leading teams in Second and Third Division are not changed.

RACING

Excellent sport was provided at the First Extra Race Meeting on Saturday which was held in brilliant weather.

Endeavour provided the biggest upset by winning the Melbourne cup and paying \$150.90 for a win.

RUGBY

A friendly Rugby game between fifteens captained by A. F. Walkden and Lieut. Carter, R.N., was played on the Navy ground on Saturday, resulting in a victory for Walkden's XV by three goals (15 points) to a goal (5 points).

POLICE SOCCER EXPERIMENT

Introducing four new players in their team as an experiment, Police will entertain a team from the Signal Section of Stonecutters in a game at Boundary Street next Wednesday afternoon, commencing at 5 p.m.

The new recruits are Tsang Wing (goalkeeper), Hui Fok-yuen (left-back), Chan Tak-fai and Fang Pak-chang (forwards).



TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

Open Singles

R. E. Guest v Pang Oi-lam (1).
George Choa v T. J. Gould (7).

Open Doubles

Lieut. J. S. Theobald and Capt. P. J. Skipwith v I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu (3); Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher (5); M. Pugh and Lieut. Shields Goodman v Ho Ka-lau and K. H. Yip (8).

Club Championship

T. A. Pearce v C. H. R. Oxlade (6).

Club Handicap Doubles

A. K. Mackenzie and A. C. I. Bowker (-3/6) v E. R. Child and S. L. Maughan (-2/6) (4); H. E. Waller and E. S. Hall (plus 3/6) v R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (-3/6) (2).

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ITALIANS HASTILY DIGGING IN

Following the failure of their big offensive the Italians are now "digging themselves in" frantically on the Albanian front, according to statements by prisoners quoted by Athens radio last night.

Bewildered Italian officers strive desperately to reorganise their scattered forces.

Earthworks are being hastily thrown up along positions in front of Tepelini, to which the Italians were thrown back by the Greeks in disorder.

Meanwhile fighting is now on a small scale though on both sides artillery is active. — Reuter.

DECLARATION OF WAR IN ANY LANGUAGE

"This country is to-day at war against the Axis powers," declares the "Atlanta Constitution."

"WE ARE EMPHATICALLY FURNISHING ARMS TO A WARRIOR AND THEREBY ARE AS MUCH A PART OF THE WAR EFFORT AS WORKERS IN ARMS FACTORIES IN BRITAIN HERSELF."

"This nation isn't likely to

Warm Tribute By Member Of Cabinet

MR. OLIVER LYTTETTON, President of the Board of Trade, paid a warm tribute to the statesmanship of President Roosevelt and the farsightedness of the American people in legalising the Lease and Lend Bill when he opened Aldershot's war weapons week yesterday.

"I cannot help think this is the most generous gesture that has ever been made," said Mr. Lyttelton. "No Englishman should ever forget what the U.S.A. has done for us in the year 1941."

"In the deathly hush which we feel may be a prelude to terrible events we suddenly hear the heart beat of America. There is no one here who should not think to himself every morning of his life of what has been done for us."

enter the war as an active belligerent. If necessary the people will without question approve such a course."

The "Tampa (Florida) Tribune" declares "Now that we are in the war, since the passage of the Lease and Lend Act, it is urgent that everybody exert his utmost effort to help win it."

"The words of the President put the dictatorships on notice that we are going to do everything we can to help beat them and that's a declaration of war in any language." — Reuter.

While stressing the value of American aid Mr. Lyttelton insisted at the same time that Britain should not show she had exhausted all means of helping herself.

Striking Figures

That this was not so he made clear by recounting to his Aldershot audience striking sums "per head" raised by towns and villages throughout the realm in support of the war effort.

The little town of Heckmondwike, in Yorkshire, for instance, had saved £42.7.0 per head in its war weapons week. Silsden, also in Yorkshire, saved £30.2.4 while Edinburgh's contribution was the equivalent of over £25 per citizen.

Advocating a cutting down of luxuries by every citizen, Mr. Lyttelton said: "We are faced with a simple alternative. Either we must cut down the numbers of the fighting forces — or reduce the standard of their equipment, or we must reduce our standard of living."

"I think everyone would say we will suffer any privations necessary to gain victory." — British Wireless.

THE BURMA YUNNAN RAILWAY

Mr. Tu Cheng-yuan, chief engineer of the new Yunnan-Burma railway, is already en route to the United States to negotiate with American railway interests concerning technical problems and materials in connection with the Chinese Government's decision to resume construction on the new railway.

It is understood that Mr. Kwong Ping-shun, representative of overseas Chinese in the United States, who is at present in Chungking to attend the National People's Political Council, is shortly leaving for the United States to supervise the sale of gold bars to the value of US\$10,000,000 for construction of the railway. — Reuter.

SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET ROBBERY

Before Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning, Chan Nam, 27, Lau Cheong, 36, and Wong Shiu, 30, were charged with stealing a sewing machine, two raincoats, and other clothing, property of Miss Tam Kam-tin, No. 72, Sai Yeung Choi Street.

First and third accused were sentenced to three months' hard labour and second accused to two months' imprisonment.

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TO KEEP MATSUOKA SWEET

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

A LAVISH ROUND OF ENTERTAINMENT HAS BEEN FORMULATED BY AXIS DIPLOMATS FOR MR. MATSUOKA, THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO ARRIVED IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY EN ROUTE TO BERLIN AND ROME.

Mr. Matsuoka is scheduled to be received by M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, but whether this meeting is a mere diplomatic protocol or something

RELIEF GRANTS

The Board of Administrators of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China, Hong Kong and South China Branch has recently approved the following grants from this Fund, and cheques for the said amounts have been forwarded accordingly:—Hong Kong Refugee and Social Welfare Council, towards maintenance of Food Kitchens for period middle of May to end of December, 1941, \$10,000; School for the Deaf, Kowloon City, towards the Building Fund of proposed new school building \$5,000.

more significant is not easily discernable. — International News Service.

STOP PRESS

The Magistrate this afternoon dismissed the charge of driving under the influence of liquor against Sergeant Guild, but found defendant guilty on the charge of dangerous driving. Defendant was fined \$250.

Negotiations are proceeding smoothly towards the settlement of the recent friction involving the Communists, stated an official in Chungking this morning, and he predicted that the issue is likely to be satisfactorily settled very soon. — Our Own Correspondent.

The number of Cholera cases since the beginning of the year increased by 34 over the week-end—23 from Victoria, 10 from Kowloon and one from the New Territories—bringing the total to 477.



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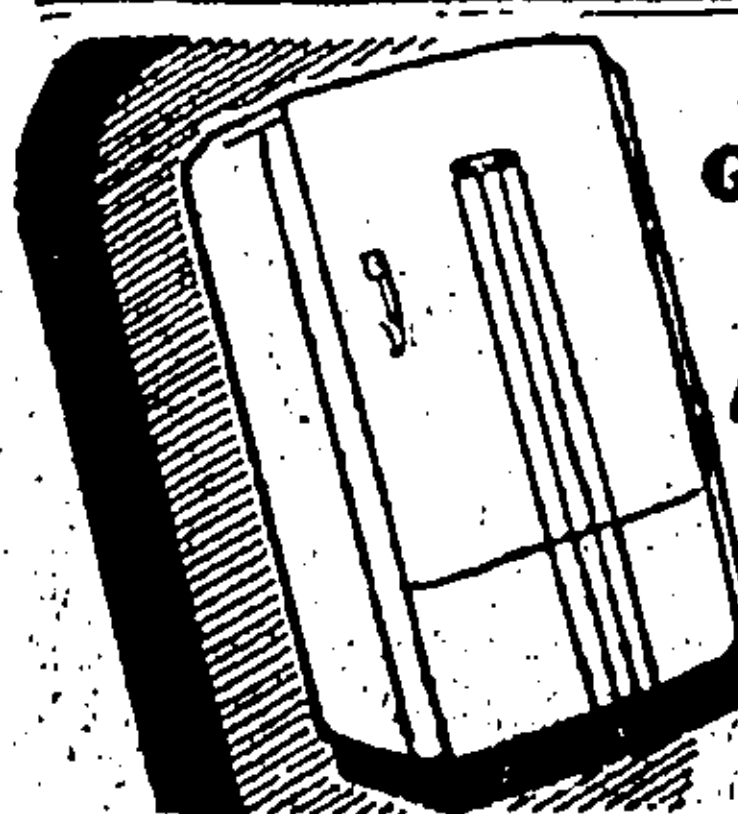
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